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POETICAL.

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OURSELVES.

BY JOHN K. HOLMES.

This mortal form of man, this wond'rous body
Turns food like fire to ashes. A residue
Of seeming worthlessness! Not so indeed.
From these strange ashes that old bird of life
Springs up renewed. These ashes have
A silent mission to fulfil for all—
They rehaptise, they recreate the blood,
Instilling elements within its flow,
That in its flow, it may have power to act
On bone and muscle. The house is built;
The fallcie of our nature stands all roofed,
It needs the lime to throw its phosphate power
Through its strange timber! Nature's self becomes
Her own mechanic and her artisan,
Going about the chambers, fixing up
Those weaker points which otherwise might go
To crumble or decay. Potash and magnesia,
Things in themselves that have the name of drugs;
Silica and iron,—all are needed
For cartilages, for muscle, hair and skin;
For life, for beauty; for, life seems to be
How like another engine, nor will run
Unless the fire is fed!
With healthy blood
Health goes as its companion through the system.
Without it, at some point, the enemy
Scales the life wall, and getting foothold there
Shatters the joints of power. The poor subject,
At fault in chemic knowledge, sees amazed
The ruin wrought, but knowing not the element
Most needed for the crisis, fires away
His ineffectual knowledge. Thus we live;—
Yea, thus how many die, die every day,
Die living deaths,—die miserably;—cold,
Lonely, desolate, themselves unknown
Unto themselves;—their factors not sum'd up—
The product of their being not set down;—
Misunderstanding, falsehood and confusion
Chipping the life away! They are not students.
They never look within, adjust no hinges,—
Give no attention to the doors and windows:
Neglect the walls, the casements, grates and hearths,
Until that hard old tax collector Time
Knocks at the door, and says he wants his dues.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., 1873.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Personal and Otherwise.

REV. F. PILGRAM has recently been installed pastor of the Shenango charge (Reformed Church), Mercer county, Pa.

REV. J. M. TITZEL, pastor-elect of the Reformed church at Irwin, Westmoreland county, Pa., has removed to that place.

EPISCOPAL services are held regularly on Sabbath in the Academy at Sharpsburg, Rev. W. A. Fuller, the chaplain, officiating.

REV. JAMES MCFARLAND, the District Secretary of the Western Tract and Book Society, (Methodist non-Episcopal) is now in the city.

OVER three thousand six hundred persons have united with the Temperance Society representing the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

THE Allegheny County Christian Temperance Alliance will hold its first anniversary meeting in the Second U. P. Church, Sixth avenue, on the 22d inst.

REV. F. K. LEVAN, Reformed Church, has declined the call to Kittanning. His general duties as Superintendent of Missions prevented him from accepting.

REV. J. R. KELLER, of Emory M. E. Church, last Sabbath found a note containing $50 in his pulpit. It was a practical manifestation of the good will of his people.

REV. DR. HORNBLOWER of the Allegheny Seminary, intemporarily filling the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church until the congregation is prepared to select a pastor.

THE U. P. church at Bellevue has adopted the new version of Psalms. This congregation has just completed a new church, having occupied it for the first time last Sabbath.

MISSIONARY DAY in South Common M. E. Church, Allegheny, Rev. T. M. Hamilton, pastor, occurred last Sabbath, and resulted in an increase of $100 in the collections over last year.

THE Second United Presbyterian church, of this city, Rev. T. H Hanna, has just made its annual contribution to the different Boards of the church. The amount taken up was $3,084.90.

REV. J. M. COCKINS formerly of this city is now Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, Ohio. The congregation is now rejoicing in the completion of a new $14,000 edifice.

THE new edifice of the Carson Street M. E Church, Rev. Edward Williams pastor, which is now about completed, will be dedicated with appropriate exercises on the first Sabbath in March.

REV. I. C. MUELLER was, on the evening of the 5th inst., installed pastor of the St. James Reformed church of this city, by the committee appointed at a recent special meeting of the Allegheny Classis.

THE BRANCHVILLE.—Episcopal service is held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the German Luthern Church, (on the Steubenville pike). Rev. Robert C. Caswall of Allegheny, Missionary in charge.

On Thursday, the Right Rev. Bishop Domenec gave the habit of the Third Order of the Good Shepherd to Miss Mary Fingelburgh, (in religion, Sister M. Teresa). He was assisted by Rev. G. S. Grace and several other clergymen.

THE Communion services in the Second U. P. church, Allegheny, were conducted last Sabbath by the pastor elect, Rev. W. H. McMillen, for the first time. There were 34 accessions, we understand, of some twenty new members.

ALL the auxiliaries in this vicinity of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church are requested to furnish annual reports to the Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Mrs. E. A. Johnson, care of *Christian Advocate* office, before March 10th.

THE Central United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, celebrated their first Communion on last Sabbath, at which time there was an accession of thirty-six new members. The exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Johnston, assisted by Rev. J. T. Cooper, D.D

THE annual missionary meeting at Temperanceville M. E. Church was held last Sabbath. The subscriptions amounted to over $350, being more than double the collections of last year. Rev. Joseph Hollingshead preached morning and evening, and addressed the Sunday School. The revival in the church is still in progress, during which three hundred and twenty-four have been received on probation.

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of the Lenten season, occurs on the 26th inst., and will be duly solemnized by the Roman Catholic church, and other denominations in Pittsburgh. The *Catholic* for this week publishes the regulations for the churches under Bishop Domenec in this Diocese. They do not differ from those of former years, and the forty days of the season will be observed as heretofore.

MISS FANNIE HADFIELD, who has presided at the organ in the South Common M. E. Church, Allegheny, for the past two years, received, on Thursday evening, a beautiful gold guard chain from the congregation. The presentation took place at a sociable held at the residence of C. C. W. Benney, Esq. Rev. T. N. Boyle, and C. Benney made a few appropriate remarks, the former representing the donors and the latter the receipient. The chain was purchased for fifty-six dollars, from Messrs. Haslett & Kennedy, of this city.

THE NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Allegheny City was formed as a colony from the Central Church. They met July 20, 1862, in the Chapel of the Western Theological Seminary, where they continued to worship for five years and a half, when they took possession of the new church edifice. The church was organized and the first elders installed April 14, 1863. They were Robert Davis, William Dawson and John Miller. The Board of Trustees then elected consisted of Dr. Thos. F. Dale, Jacob Forsythe, C. A. Chamberlin. Samuel Patterson and J. M. Schwartz. They depended upon supplies until the ordination and installation of their first pastor, Rev. C. H. Dunlap, May, 1864. Mr. Dunlap resigned November, 1865. Their present pastor, Rev. A. A. Hodge, was installed January, 1866. On February 16, 1868, the new church edifice, corner of Lincoln and Grant avenues, was dedicated. To this, commodious Lecture, Sunday School and Bible Class rooms have been added. The whole property has cost about $58,000. Under the ministry of Dr. Hodge, the church stands in the front rank.

SCIENTIFIC.

THE proportion of coloring matter in the red carrot is as one part to one thousand. So writes *N. Sacc* to the Paris Academy of Sciences.

THE Zoological Society of London lately conferred bronze medals on the two keepers who have successfully reared the young hippopotamus born in the Society's gardens last year.

THE possibility of sending two telegraphic messages simultaneously in opposite directions on the same wire, is said to have been proved by some recent experiments at Penzance, England.

A FIRE in an English coal mine was recently extinguished by throwing jets of water upon the flames from small engines. In this way a large amount of steam was generated, and the steam choked out the fire.

MORE than seven years ago Professor W. Stanley Jevons published a work on the coal question, in which he estimated the probable consumption of coal in Great Britain for 1871 at one hundred and seventeen million nine hundred thousand tons. The actual consumption, as appears from statistics just published, was one hundred and seventeen million three hundred and fifty-two thousand and twenty-eight tons. This is a noteworthy verification of a scientific prediction.

A PRUSSIAN horticulturist has made some interesting observations which tend to show the usefulness of certain plants as weather guides. Thus he finds that the different varieties of clover contract their leaves on the approach of rain; when the leaves of chickweed unfold and its flowers remain erect till midday, fair weather is at hand; but the closing of the flowers of the wood-anemone indicate that rain is imminent. His studies extend to many other plants than those we have mentioned.

THE CAPITAL.

Threatened Conflict of Authority in Utah.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS.

Credit Mobilier and Stock Exchange Transactions.

THE PRESIDENT NOTIFIED OF HIS ELECTION

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, February 14, 1873.

MESSAGE ON UTAH AFFAIRS.

The President sent the following message to Congress to-day:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I consider it my duty to call the attention of Congress to the condition of affairs in the territory of Utah, and to the dangers likely to arise if it continues during the coming recess from a threatened conflict between the federal and territorial authorities. No discussion is necessary in regard to the general policy of Congress respecting the territories of the United States, and I only wish now to refer to so much of that policy as concerns their judicial affairs and the enforcement of the laws within their borders. No material differences are found in respect to these matters in the organic acts of the territories, but an examination of them will show it has been the invariable policy of Congress to place and keep their civil and criminal jurisdiction, with certain limited exceptions, in the hands of persons nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and that the general administration of justice should be as prescribed by Congressional enactment. Sometimes the power given to the territorial legislature has been somewhat larger and sometimes somewhat smaller than the power generally conferred. Never, however, have powers been given to a territorial legislature inconsistent with the idea that the general judicature of the territory was to be under the direct supervision of the national Government. Accordingly, the law creating the territory of Utah passed September 9th, 1850, provided for the appointment of a supreme court, the judges of which are judges of the district courts, a clerk, a marshal and an attorney, in all of which federal officers is confided the jurisdiction in all important matters, but as decided recently by the Supreme Court, the act requires the judge to serve in these courts to be selected in such a manner as the territorial legislature sees fit to prescribe. It has undoubtedly been the desire of Congress, so far as the same right be compatible with the supervisory control of the Federal Government, to leave the minor details connected with the administration of law to regulation by local authority, and such a desire does not govern when the effect will be, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, to produce a conflict between the federal and the territorial authorities, or to impede the enforcement of law, or in any way to endanger the peace and good order of the territory. Evidently it was never intended to entrust the territorial legislature with power which would conflict with the existing judicial features of its own, in increasing the jurisdiction of courts appointed by territorial authority, although recognized by Congress, to take the administration of the law out of the hands of the judges appointed by the President, or to interfere with their action.

Several years of unhappy experience make it apparent that in both these respects the territory of Utah requires special legislation by Congress. Public opinion in that territory, produced by circumstances so notorious as to require further notice, makes it necessary, in my opinion, in order to prevent the miscarriage of justice, to maintain the supremacy of the laws of the United States and of the Federal Government, to provide that the selection of grand and petit jurors for the district courts, if not put under the control of Federal officers, shall be placed in the hands of persons entirely independent of those who are determined not to enforce any act of Congress obnoxious to them, and also pass some acts which shall deprive the probate courts or any court created by the territorial legislature of any power to interfere with or impede the action of the courts held by the United States Judges. I am convinced that so long as Congress leaves the selection of jurors to the local authorities, it will be futile to make any effort to enforce laws not acceptable to a majority of the people of the territory, or which interfere with local prejudice, or provide for the punishment of polygamy or any of its affiliated vices or crimes. I presume that Congress, in passing upon this subject, will provide all reasonable and proper safeguards to secure competent jurors, whose verdicts will command confidence and be a guarantee of equal protection to all good and law-abiding citizens, and at the same time make it understood that crime cannot be committed with impunity.

I have before said that while the laws creating the several territories have generally contained uniform provisions in respect to the judiciary, yet Congress has occasionally varied these propositions in minor details as the circumstances of the territory affected seemed to demand; and in creating the territory of Utah, Congress evidently thought that the circumstances there might require judicial remedies not necessary in other territories; for by section nine of the act creating that territory it is provided that a writ of error may be brought from the decision of any judge of the Supreme or District Courts of the territory to the Supreme Court of the United States upon any writ of *habeas corpus* involving the question of personal freedom, a provision never inserted in any other territorial act except that creating the territory of New Mexico. This extraordinary provision shows that Congress intended to mould the organic laws to the peculiar condition of the territory, and the legislation which I now recommend is in full harmony with the precedent thus established.

I am advised that the United States courts in Utah have been greatly embarrassed by the action of the territorial legislature in conferring criminal jurisdiction, and the power to issue writs of *habeas corpus* on Probate Courts in the territory and by their consequent interference with the administration of justice. Manifestly the Legislature of the territory cannot give to any court whatever the power to discharge by a writ of *habeas corpus* persons held by or under process from the courts created by Congress; but complaint is made that persons so held have been discharged in that way by the Probate Courts. I cannot doubt that Congress will agree with me that such a state of things ought not longer to be tolerated, and that no class of persons anywhere should be allowed to treat the laws of the United States with open defiance and contempt. Apprehension is also entertained that if Congress adjourns without any action upon this subject, turbulence and disorder will follow, rendering military interference necessary, a result I should greatly deprecate, and in view of this and other obvious considerations I earnestly recommend that Congress at the present session pass some act which will enable the District Courts of Utah to proceed with independence and efficiency in the administration of law and justice.

[Signed.] U. S. GRANT.

Executive Mansion, February 14, 1873.

THE CHANGE OF PROOF IN SPIRITS.

The following is issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

February 14th, 1873.

It has come to the knowledge of this office, that in some portions of the country there are distilled spirits now stored in warehouses which, in consequence of the uniformly high temperature of such warehouses, have no material change in proof as to subject such spirits to seizure if put into the market in their original packages. In order to protect such spirits, the distiller or owner thereof will be allowed—where tax has been paid on the original gauge—to remove such spirits from such warehouse to the wholesale liquor dealer's premises, and there change the packages, marking, branding and stamping the new packages, as provided on page 67, series No. 7.

When spirits of the character above referred to are to be removed from one warehouse for the purpose above mentioned, the distiller or owner will at once notify the collector of the district of the fact, giving the number of packages, the marks and brands thereon, and the location of the wholesale liquor dealer's establishment to which such spirits were to be removed, and the collector will detail some United States officer to protect such spirits from seizure during their transit.

In case the removal is made from one collection district to another, the collector of the district from which the spirits are shipped will notify the collector of the district in which the spirits are received, giving the number of the packages, the marks and brands thereon, the name of the owner, the route over which the spirits are to pass, and to whom consigned. The collector of the district in which such spirits are received will allow them to pass to the establishment of the wholesale dealer to whom they are consigned, but will not allow them to be put upon the market in the original packages.

THE PROPOSED PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.

The Atlantic Cable Company have turned up in opposition to the bill allowing the American, China and Japan Telegraph Company to lay a Pacific telegraph to China. The opposition say that the new company have not the capital to organize such a line, and that it is only a scheme. Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee say that such arguments have no weight, and therefore both committees have reported favorably upon the bill organizing the new company, as the privileges asked therein are not much of the National Government—only a request for two Government vessels to make soundings and surveys. The bill will undoubtedly pass both Houses this session, and then we shall have a cable telegraph managed entirely by American enterprise and American capital.

EXPULSION OF OAKES AMES AND JAMES BROOKS.

The expulsion of Oakes Ames and James Brooks was a subject of general remarked among members of Congress to-day. There are some who will raise the question, when this report is presented, as to the power of this Congress to expel members for acts committed from year to year, and that the proper step is to have them indicted by the United States Courts and tried for bribery and violation of oath.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL—FEARS AS TO ITS PASSAGE.

The Sub-Committee on Commerce who proposed the river and harbor appropriation bill, say that if they can pass it through the House as they have reported it they have no fear of its fate in the Senate. They are a little afraid, however, of the proposition to assume the indebtedness of over a million and a half dollars of the Louisville canal being tacked on to the bill, as the interests in behalf of such a step are very powerful, and are working hard to secure it. If they do the sub-committee say the bill is lost for this session, as it cannot get through the Senate with such an amendment.

INVESTIGATION OF THE C. P. R. R. OF CALIFORNIA.

The Wilson Investigating Committee, known as No. 2, has progressed far enough, under the instructions of the House, to ascertain that nothing can be done towards the investigation of the Central Pacific Railroad of California by the present Congress, all the witnesses and papers being in California. It is impossible to get them here within the fourteen remaining days of this session. It has been suggested that a bill might be passed by Congress providing for the appointment of a commission to visit California during the summer, investigate the whole subject, and report the evidence to the Forty-third Congress, next December.

WASHINGTON, February 16, 1872.

THE PRESIDENT NOTIFIED OF HIS ELECTION.

This morning, between eleven and twelve o'clock, the Joint Committee of Congress called on President Grant, and read to him the following letter:

Washington, February 15, 1873.—Sir: We have been appointed a committee by the Senate and House of Representatives to notify you that on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the Vice President acting as President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, opened and counted the votes of the electors of the United States for President and Vice President of the United States. By count it was ascertained and decided that you were duly elected President for a term of four years from and after the 4th day of March next. In performing this duty, we take occasion to tender you our hearty congratulations for the eminent civil and military services you have had the good fortune to render to the United States, and to express our confident hope that your administration during the term for which you are elected will promote the peace, honor and prosperity of all the people of the United States, without respect to section or party division.

[Signed.] JOHN SHERMAN,
On behalf of the Senate.
A. L. DAWES,
JAMES B. BECK,
On behalf of the House of Representatives.

The President thanked the committee for their attention. He said he accepted the office, and would endeavor, in the future as in the past, to discharge the duties entrusted to him by the people, to the best of his ability.

The committee, after a few words of congratulatory conversation, called on Hon. Henry Wilson, and read to him a letter of similar import to that addressed to the President, informing him of his election as Vice President, concluding as follows: We take this occasion, while performing this official duty, to congratulate you on the high honor conferred upon you by the people. You have long been honorably identified with the legislative branch of the Government during a period of unexampled difficulty. We are sure we state the universal feeling of the respective Houses when we say, we assure you of their sincere respect and hearty good-will.

Senator Wilson thanked the committee, gratefully accepted the high trust conferred on him, and said he should strive to discharge the duties of the position with zeal, fidelity and impartiality. He expressed, too, a hope that the coming four years would be consecrated to those entrusted with power to perpetuate unity and the development of the country, that those in every department of the Government might realize at the close of their official career with the consciousness of well done, with the approval of their countrymen.

IMPORTANT TO MARINERS.

The following circular was issued yesterday by the Secretary of the Treasury, to collectors of customs and others:

"The Government of the United States is requested by that of Great Britain to endeavor to ascertain the identity of a certain large sailing ship, which, while navigating the Baltic Sea, somewhere between Copenhagen and Stockholm, on the 15th of December, 1872, at about 1 A. M., collided and sunk the British steamer "Herald," and then proceeded without rendering assistance to the persons on board the sinking vessel, all of whom perished except the fireman, who many might have been rescued from the bottom of a life boat, to which they clung until washed away. The unknown vessel lost her bowsprit and jibboom.

"You are requested to give this Department any information which you may be able to obtain concerning the name and nationality of the sailing ship referred to."

THE TOBACCO BILL.

The Internal Revenue Commissioner and all the Bureau officials are working against the tobacco bill, giving the producer and retail dealer the right to sell tobacco without paying the tax. They pronounce it a grand scheme, say that it is not the farmer pressing this bill, that the manufacturers are against it, and believe the Government losing $3,000,000 per annum, which the commissioner *knows*, would be the fact should the bill become a law. The extent of losses beyond that cannot be estimated, but it would be very great, as there would be no way to restrict the rule, or account for the quantity which would be sold without paying the tax, under the proposed law.

THE SUPPRESSION OF OBSCENE LITERATURE.

Mr. Comstock, the gentleman who is making such strenuous efforts to suppress the traffic in obscene literature by preventing its transmission through the mails, finds his efforts ably seconded by our national legislators. The report of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads on the subject is sufficient to provide for the enactment of a law which will be broad and general in its application in preventing the circulation of this kind of literature, which has done and is doing much harm to the minds and souls of the young and degrade manhood and womanhood.

PROPOSED CONVENTION OF LABORING MEN.

Preparations are in progress to organize a mass convention of the executive committees of the National Labor Congress throughout the country, and those members of Congress interested in the subject of labor. The convention, it is thought, will gather some three hundred representatives of the Council under their call, and it is proposed then to discuss the question of labor and its relation to the National Government, and what legislation should be enacted to protect the interests and directly benefit the entire laboring masses.

PRESIDENT GRANT AND THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

The President has partially qualified his construction of the new civil service rules by recommending the re-appointment of ladies, without competitive examinations, who had resigned on account of marriage, but where subsequent thereto widowhood ensued. There are other cases in which the President applies this construction, but always in those where the circumstances attendant are of a meritorious character, and the facts warrant their restoration to office as a matter of fairness and justice.

THE SYNDICATE.

Secretary Boutwell informed me yesterday that there was no "hitch" or trouble in, or with, the syndicate, as has been reported. Everthing is working smoothly and the Secretary will be abundantly satisfied if the syndicate get ready to take its first installment of one hundred million dollars of bonds by the first of March. He would much prefer it would take that sum than a larger amount, which it would be very difficult to deliver. DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, February 17, 1873.

THE ACCOUNTS OF POSTMASTERS.

The Auditor of the Postoffice Department states that the accounts of postmasters were never more correct than at the present time. During the last four years the business under the control of the Postoffice Department has averaged $250,000,000, and only about one-twentieth of one per cent. has been lost to the Government. When it is considered that the business is entirely a credit one, immense quantities of stamps being always in the hands of postmasters, the correct condition of accounts is remarkable.

WAR OF 1812 PENSIONERS.

Up to last July the Commissioners of Pensions reported the number of pensioners who served in the war of 1812 for sixty days to be about 23,000. Since that time over 7,000 of the same class of pensioners have been added to that number, making a total of over 30,000. The proposition to remove old restrictions as to period of service has been reported adversely upon by the Senate Committee on Pensions. Should it pass, however, notwithstanding this report, about 20,000 claims under it, it is estimated, would be filed, requiring $2,000,000 to allow them.

REPORT ON CALDWELL'S CASE.

The report of the Senate Committee on the Caldwell case is very voluminous. The Committee say there is no doubt money was paid for votes in the Legislature. It was discussed in Committee whether the measure of Caldwell's guilt demanded expulsion, or that his election be declared invalid. A majority of the committee favored the latter view, and a resolution was reported accordingly for action by the Senate. The committee think Caldwell was as much sinned against as sinning, that he was a novice in politics, and in the hands of men who encouraged the practice of carrying elections by money.

EMIGRATION FROM SCOTLAND.

Mr. Peter Fleming, of Dundee, Scotland, who has been instrumental in forwarding an excellent class of emigrants to the United States as well as to Australia, is in the city, having come to confer with Dr. Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, and with southern and western members of both Houses of Congress, with reference to the Government affording facilities to emigration, and to lay before them his plans in reference to the conference of the six trans Atlantic steamship corporations now combining to keep up passengers' fares, actually checking the full flow of British emigrants to the United States, and causing the latter to prefer British colonies instead, to which they are carried at much less rates than to the United States.

Mr. Fleming holds an official appointment as selecting agent for Her Britanic Majesty's Emigration Commissioners, at Dundee, and has had sixteen years' experience of emigration to every country in the world, having himself selected upwards of ten thousand persons, nearly all agriculturalists, to New Zealand, and sent out thousands to Canada and the United States. Yesterday he had an extended conversation with Secretary Boutwell.

The Constitutional Convention.

Progress of the Work, and what has been Accomplished.

Uniform Local Elections and Biennial Sessions of the Legislature.

A Residence of Two Months in an Election District Before Voting.

Numbering and Signing his Ticket by Each Elector.

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PHILADELPHIA, February 15, 1873.

Although there has been a great deal of discussion in the Constitutional Convention on changes proposed in the fundamental law, yet the substantial work accomplished makes a very poor showing in the way of results for so much talk. Amendments have been reported to the Convention by but two of the standing committees, viz: the Committee on Legislature and the Committee on Election, Suffrage and Representation. On these nearly all the legitimate debates in the Convention thus far have taken place, including the discussion of the proposition for uniform days throughout the State for holding the spring and fall elections, biennial elections and sessions of the Legislature, the protracted and needless talk on female suffrage, and the question of the qualifications and rights of electors, on which subject the Convention is now earnestly engaged.

The discussions in Convention represent but a small portion of the work of the delegates, which has mainly consisted in committee service. Some of the committees have held sessions nearly every working day since the Convention reassembled in Philadelphia. At these meetings amendments are put in form and debated with a great deal of earnestness, but the committees fail to agree over points raised and are compelled to report the matters in much greater length, when their reports come up in Convention. When we reflect that the work of the Convention, if approved by the voters, will be the fundamental law of the State for people, legislators and executives, for the next fifty or a hundred years, no one can reasonably object to the caution with which every proposition is received, dissected and discussed in all its possible bearings.

The people at home is fully impressed with the same determination to reform abuses in our State administration that has taken such firm hold on the people of the State since the subsidence of purely political strife, and the general appreciation that old questions has passed away and that parties have not yet adjusted themselves to the demands of the future. The Convention, if it meets the wishes of the people who have called it into being, will reform no abuse that have crept into the legislative department and made it a by-word and reproach; it will curb the power of the Governor in granting pardons; it will do something to-wards the purification of the ballot by voting for the coming four years would be consecrated to those entrusted with power to perpetuate unity and the development of the country, that those in every department of the Government might realize at the close of their official career with the consciousness of well done, with the approval of their countrymen.

Here are some important and striking changes in the right direction. The second qualification will stop the operations of the naturalization mill in the issue of fraudulent certificates of citizenship, by giving ample time to discover bogus papers. A foreign citizen must take out his final papers at least one month before election. This is no hardship on the foreign class, and will relieve it of the odium resulting from certain scoundrelly practices conducted for the most part by native politicians. The fourth and fifth qualifications requiring residence in an election district two months before election (instead of ten days), and that the voter shall be assessed two months, and paid State or county tax within one month of election, is aimed straight at the colonizer and operator. A ten days' residence in a district may be feigned, but it will be extremely difficult and expensive to maintain such a delusion for sixty days.

But the most earnest discussions of the Convention have taken place, and are now progressing, on the two propositions annexed from the Committee on Suffrage. The first, sanctioned by a majority, is as follows:

"SECTION —. All elections of the citizens shall be by ballot. The ballots voted may be open or secret as the elector shall prefer, and they shall be numbered by the election officers when received. *Each elector shall write his name upon his ballot, or cause it to be written thereon, and attested for him by another elector of the district, who shall not be an election officer.*"

Mr. J. W. F. White submitted the following as a substitute:

"Section —. All elections by the people shall be by ballot. The election officers shall enter and number the names of electors on a list, in the order of their voting, and number each elector's ballot with his number on the list. Electors by persons in a representative capacity shall be *viva voce*."

One of these two sections will be adopted. The difference between them is the provision requiring the elector to write his name on his ballot, or, if he is unable to write, cause it to be written thereon, and attested by another elector of the district, not an election officer. The discussion on the two propositions covered the merits of the open and secret ballot. Open election voting has a good many advocates in the Convention, who accept the section reported by the committee as the nearest approach to it obtainable. Mr. White and other supporters of his amendment take the ground that writing the elector's name on his ballot will destroy the secrecy of the ballot, and thus add to the intimidation and control of the voters by unprincipled politicians. The supporters of the committee's plan argue, with great plausibility and force, that election officers will be sworn to secrecy, and that the ballot will remain secret except in cases of contested elections, when it is necessary to go over the ballots. They also claim that it will at once put an end to repeating and stuffing the ballot boxes, by the identification of every ballot with the person who cast it; if frauds are attempted the guilt can be easily brought home to election officers, and the certainty of detection and punishment will therefore prevent their evil practices. The idea was much dwelt on in the debates that writing his name by the elector on the ballot, would induce thought as to who and what he was voting for, and that such reflection would be promotive of the election of better officials.

On requiring the ballots to be numbered and the numbers entered on the poll list, there is a general agreement, and if the provision requiring the name to be written on the ballot fails, the numbering process will be adopted. It is claimed by the friends of the latter that it affords a sufficient guarantee against frauds and for identifying the ballot of every voter in election contests. Mr. Lina Bartholomew has an amendment, which is supported by Mr. Buckalew, leaving it optional with the voter to write his name on the ballot. The latter differs from most of the prominent Democrats in the Convention, by supporting the secret ballot as a necessity in enabling many a man to vote honestly who would not otherwise do so. EX-Gov. Curtin supported the plan of the Committee, and argued that with the foreign element in our superfluous in the country, their necessity had been demonstrated by exposures made in Convention of corrupt practices by both parties in Philadelphia.

It is doubtful which the Convention will adopt, the section reported by the Committee or the proposition of Mr. J. W. F. White. The indications, however, are that the provision requiring the voter to put his name on the ballot, will be retained, as well as the numbering process. The case with which the white ballot can be counterfeited and altered by corrupt parties have not yet adjusted themselves to the demands of the future. The Convention, if it meets the wishes of the people who have called it into being, will reform no abuse that have crept into the legislative department and made it a by-word and reproach; it will curb the power of the Governor in granting pardons; it will do something towards the purification of the ballot by voting for the coming four years would be consecrated to those entrusted with power to perpetuate unity and the development of the country, that those in every department of the Government might realize at the close of their official career with the consciousness of well done, with the approval of their countrymen.

Farm, Garden and Household.

Linseed Tea for Sick Horses

The *American Veterinary Journal* considers linseed tea not only a valuable restorative but also useful in cases of inflammation of the membranes connected with the organs of respiration and digestion, as it shields and lubricates them and tranquilizes the irritable state of the parts and favors healthy action. The editor says he has prescribed linseed tea in large quantities for horses laboring under influenza; they seemed to derive much benefit from it, and generally drank it with avidity. Aside from the benefit we derive from the action of mucilage and oil which the seed contains, its nutritive elements are of some account, especially when given to animals laboring under soreness in the organs of deglutition which incapacitates from swallowing more solid food. In the event of an animal becoming prostrated by inability to masticate or swallow more solid food, linseed tea may be resorted to, and in case of irritable cough the addition of a little honey makes it still more useful. In the latter form it may be given to animals laboring under acute or chronic disease of the urinary apparatus, more especially of the kidneys. The linseed tea is prepared as follows: Put a couple of handfuls of the seed into a bucket, and pour a gallon and a half of boiling water upon it. Cover it up a short time, then add a couple of quarts of cold water, when it will be fit for use.

To Steam a Turkey.

All of us are used to roast and boiled turkey, but a steamed turkey is more of a novelty, while it is also a most delicious dish. Cleanse the fowl thoroughly; then rub pepper and salt well mixed into the inside of it. Fill up the body with oysters mixed with a small cupful of bread crumbs. Sew up all the apertures; lay the turkey into a large steamer and place over a kettle of boiling water; cover closely, and steam thoroughly for two hours and a half. Now take it up; set the patter in a warm place, and turn whatever gravy there is in the steamer, straining it first in the oyster sauce which you have prepared, in the following manner: Take a pint of oysters, turn a pint of boiling water over them in a colander. Put the liquor on to boil, skim off whatever rises on the top. Thicken it with a tablespoonful of flour rubbed into two tablespoonful of butter; season well with pepper and salt. Add two or three tablespoonfuls of cream or milk to whiten it; and pour it over the turkey and platter; serve boiling hot. This sauce must be made while the turkey is still in the steamer, so that it can be poured over the turkey as soon as it is taken up.

Preparing Cod Liver Oil for Patients.

The difficulty of overcoming the nauseating qualities of cod liver oil has attracted the attention of many pharmacopoists, among others of M. Tissier, who has lately published the results of his experiments. He takes of white gelatin 4 parts, 25 parts of distilled water, the same of simple syrup, and 50 parts of refined powdered sugar. The gelatin is heated in a water bath with the water and syrup till dissolved, the cod liver oil and sugar being mixed in a mortar; the two compounds are then stirred together, and the stirring continued till the mixture is cold. It will then appear as a gelatinous mass, and powdered sugar is then added till a firm paste is made, which, after being cut into small pieces, is left to become dry enough to be easily granulated in a mortar. The second addition of powdered sugar will bring the quantity up to 250 parts, of which 20 per cent. will be cod liver oil. It is to be kept in a tightly stoppered bottle.—*Rural New-Yorker.*

To Keep Hayricks.

An invention has been adopted this year at the Prince Consort's farm, for the preservation of hayricks from the heating occasioned by confined air and moisture. A long perforated tube, fixed in short lengths which fit into each other, is built into the body of the rick as it is carried up, and terminates in a cowl, which turns with the wind and provides a constant down current; an upward current is also arranged for in an inner tube, which opens at the bottom, and thus completes the circulation. This invention is also adapted to granaries and ships in transit, but in the latter case arms are provided, running out from the main shaft at right angles, so as to distribute the air through the body of the grain. The use of perforated tubes for preserving grain, meal, &c., in storehouses, granaries, and in barrels, is an American invention, and has long been in use in the United States.

Killing Willows.

On swampy land is sometimes a heavy growth of willow, and the task of removing the bushes is one of no small magnitude. Some have a theory of cutting at certain periods of the moon changes, others while the sap is dormant, and still others the girding or strapping process. Of the latter method, which is attended with no small amount of labor, a writer in the *Rural Southerner* says: Don't cut down the willows. If you do, you will see trouble for the next ten or twenty years with sprouts to cut down five or six times a year. Let them stand until spring, and when they are in full bloom, cut the bark about four feet from the ground, strip the bark down to the root, and let it alone. They will die, root and branch, in the course of the year, and never put forth a sprout. I have folowed this plan for twenty years, and know it to be successful.—*Ohio Farmer.*

White Australian Corn.

A correspondent of the *Western Farmer* at Baraboo, Wisconsin, says: I obtained a quarter of a pound of seed, but gave a little of that to some neighbors and planted the balance on moderately good ground. The next day after it was planted there fell a very heavy rain and washed out considerable of it, so I do not suppose over three-fourths of it came up. It had very poor attention and consequently I had not as large a yield as I might have had, but the yield was very satisfactory. I had about three hundred pounds in the ear from less than a quarter of a pound of seed. I planted two grains to the hill, four feet apart one way and about two the other way. I had a good many stocks that bore six tolerably good ears, and scarcely any stalks with less than two ears. I think it the best corn for fodder that I know of.

Varieties of Potatoes.

Notwithstanding the new varieties introduced within a few years, we have not succeeded in supplanting the old Peach Blow with a better kind. Yet it has several faults, chief of which is its late period of ripening and the amount of labor required to dig it. It is almost impossible to get it into market time enough for shipment in the fall. We want, very much, a potato that will keep well, be of Peach Blow, or look as well, be as fine flavored, yet ripen from two weeks to a month earlier. The Harrison is abandoned; the Peerless grows large and hollow, is a good variety to grow for feeding hogs (when cooked), and no more. Several promises remarkably well. The Early Rose leads as an early variety, but it does not quite fill the place of the Peach Blow.—*American Rural Home.*

Letter from Rosenzweig.

We have to deal with a great many rascals in these days, but happily we are seldom called upon to read or publish their letters. We have no desire to increase our correspondence already sufficiently extensive, by entering into controversies with murderers. However, here is a letter forwarded to us yesterday, which we suppose we must print—it is from the quack Rosenzweig, from whose house the mangled body of a poor girl named Alice Bowlsby was sent in a trunk by express. It will be remembered that the poor girl was killed by a horrible and cruel operation which Rosenzweig performed. This miscreant, who signs himself "m. d.," was tried, convicted, and sentenced, but is now trying to sneak through the meshes of the law. We have endeavored to prevent him, and he therefore writes us a disgusting note.

To the Editor of The Times

Poland has no Freinds—I am a Polander—I have no Freinds—I am poor—God knows that I am not the man who committed the terrible deed, the Press are doing all they can to prejudice my case, all I ask is Fair play under the law, will You do as much for a unfortunate man without money or rich freinds as to let these few lines appear in your great paper from a countryman of Pulaski and Kosciuski.

Yours &c &c &c

J. ROSENZWEIG m d

TOMBS cell 61 f 13 73

In order to discourage this "Polander" without "freinds" from writing to us again, we may tell him at once that we should be very glad to see him brought to the gallows. It is, therefore, lucky for him that we have not to decide his fate.—*N. Y. Times.*

IOWA papers estimate that in that State 50,000 bushels of corn per day are burned, and at this rate will continue for the next two months.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

A MAN was frozen to death at Archibald, Luzerne county, on Tuesday night.

LANCASTER city has a cow 51 years old, according to the *Enquirer* of that city.

OVER 250 tons of coal are shipped from the Pradee mines, Mercer county, every day.

THE city debt of Reading has been increased a quarter of a million dollars during the past two years.

THE election under the Local Option law takes place in Clarion county on Friday, February the 21st.

A FALL of slate in a coal mine at Johnstown severely injured Richard George and Charles Caddy, on Monday last.

LEVI FUNK, an old railroad engineer, was killed when crawling under a train of cars, at Lancaster, on Thursday.

THE balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Somerset county, at last settlement due said county, is $8,837 24.

THE Carlisle *Herald* has discovered a baby in that classic old burg that has been named Parepa Nillson Kellogg Busk.

THE Freeport *New Era* says there is a man residing in Armstrong county who has five sons and he calls them all John.

DOYLSTON, a village of 300 people, has but one piano, but can boast of 30 girls who can manage all the affairs of housekeeping.

FIVE districts in Indiana county have voted on local option, gi

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WASHINGTON, February 18, 1873.

THE ALLEGED KANSAS BRIBERY CASE.

Senator Pomeroy to-day developed his entire plan, offensive and defensive. The Committee investigating him, appointed in accordance with his own resolution, will take only York's evidence, no matter how many other members of the Kansas Legislature were bribed. The next move is to impeach York's evidence, and show that Pomeroy was defeated by conspiracy and fraud, which it is claimed wholly vitiates Ingalls' election and gives Pomeroy another chance to a re-election. Pomeroy's friends are also working to vacate Senator Caldwell's seat, so as to give their patron two chances. All impartial persons who heard York's testimony heartily believe he told the whole truth. The opposition to Pomeroy is no new thing. Half the Republican papers in Kansas have opposed him for years.

The Senate has, however, unanimously adopted a resolution widening the scope of the Committee's inquiry, so as to include all the evidence in the case. The well-laid plans of the distinguished Senator are, therefore, frustrated. The investigation will be thorough.

Senators Becoming Sad

During the reading of the Credit Mobilier report to-day, both sides of the House maintained profound silence. James Brooks was in his accustomed seat, apparently indifferent to the facts disclosed. There was a shade of sadness upon the faces of all the members as the overwhelming testimony came in.

Legislation for Protection of Life on Steamboats.

The report of the Conference Committee on the pending bill "for the protection of life on steamboats" gave rise to a discussion in the Senate which shows the necessity of a full and deliberate consideration of its provisions, while the number of amendments adopted by the Senate shows the opinion of that body as to the imperfect character of the bill originally passed in the House. The report was signed by two of three managers on the part of the Senate, Senator Corbett declining, as he said, on the ground that he "could not conscientiously agree with that report." Senator Conkling remarked "that as a law between the public and common carriers, it is by itself in the whole history of civilization nothing like it."

The amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Commerce to the bill as it came from the House, were considered and adopted at an evening session, and when, in the words of one of the honorable Senators, the "Senate was thin." When the Conference report came up the second time for discussion, a Senator, alluding to the passage of the bill, remarked: "I listened to the reading of this bill. There were only a few Senators here that night—a half dozen or a dozen; I suggested several amendments and they were all adopted, but when the Conference Committee got together, I saw the Senate receded at once from the amendments."

Senator Conkling characterized the report as "receding from the most vital provisions to which the Treasury Department has called attention, speaking in the interest of human life."

The declination of Senator Corbett to sign the conference report has the more significance from the fact that he was one of the two Senators who, as a sub-committee, had charge of the bill when it first came from the House. He was not willing therefore as a member of the Conference Committee to sanction the abandonment of some of the very amendments which the sub-committee had first proposed, and which the Senate had adopted—amendments described as "safeguards, which were deemed indispensable." In the emphatic language of Senator Conkling, it would be "better to repeal steamboat laws and remit those who journey on steamboats to their rights at common law."

At a subsequent stage of the debate the same Senator, expressed his "regret that the bill is taken up now, at nine o'clock in the evening, in a weary Senate. As the Senator from Michigan said, it is an important bill, and it deserves the sharp attention of the Senate. I wish, in the fewest words, to discharge my duty to this subject, but it is difficult to speak on a bill of ninety pages, which has never been read in the Senate. * * * The only occasion when it was ever read — and then it was not in its present form—was one evening when, I think, not more than four or five Senators were present." Further on the Senator said: "It was merely read formally, and when it came to be voted upon, its manifold provisions and amendments were all voted on in block, by one vote without division, in the twinkling of an eye at the request of a Senator in the morning hour. Therefore it is not in the ordinary condition of bills in their last stage. The Senate does not know, I suppose, that there are not, besides the Committee on Commerce, three Senators informed of its provisions." Without extending those extracts for the purpose of showing how far the bill was debated on its merits, it is apparent that when the report of the Conference Committee came up for action, Senators generally could not have been very familiar with the scope and effect of the proposed amendments, even if they had, in the interim, made themselves familiar with the general features of the proposed legislation. Whether they have done so since the close of the session in June last will, perhaps, be more apparent when the subject again comes up for their consideration.

A Distinction Without a Difference.

In the recent investigation, Mr. Colfax testified that when he was about to enter the canvass for Vice President a friend gave him a thousand dollars as part payment of the expenses of the election. This transaction was carouised and accepted as alike creditable to both the giver and receiver. Thus far no adverse comments had been made upon the transaction; but when Senator Harlan testified to receiving precisely a similar gift from a friend, to aid the election of a Republican Legislature in Iowa, the transaction was heralded as nefarious beyond description. There are those here who do not see the least difference in the two gifts. If a friend could properly give Mr. Colfax a sum of money to aid his election, it is not easy to see why one or more of Mr. Harlan's friends might not do the same.

Mr. Oakes Ames has testified that by the advice of Secretary Boutwell, he and his brother, Oliver Ames, contributed $2,000 each for political campaign purposes in Indiana, but no one has been called upon to account for the disposition of the money or its source. It is claimed that if it is perfectly right to contribute money to carry Indiana it cannot be very wicked to do the same for Iowa.

Immigration into New York.

The Bureau of Statistics has received a statement of the numbers of passengers arrived at the port of New York during the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1872, from which it appears that the whole number of passengers was 91,292,—53,915 males, and 37,377 females. Of these 15,720 were cabin passengers. The number of immigrants, including the 91,292 passengers, was 52,526. Of the total number of passengers 75 died on the passage, of whom 55 were under 15 years of age. Of these whose occupations are given and of whom there were more than 25 persons to each occupation, the numbers were as follows: 301 bakers, 60 barbers, 43 bookbinders, 122 brewers, 114 bricklayers, and 376 masons, 348 butchers, 356 carpenters and 682 joiners, 75 cigar makers, 93 clergymen, 126 lawyers, 443 clerks, 61 coilers, 118 coopers, 49 dressmakers, 169 engineers, 5,149 farmers and farm laborers, 119 gardeners, 15,028 laborers, 106 locksmiths, 1,442 miners, 87 musicians and 4 vocalists, 130 painters, 83 peddlars, 140 physicians, 161 male and 2,152 female servants, 54 ship builders, 513 shoemakers, 436 smiths, 69 spinners, 594 tailors, 41 teachers, 43 tinsmiths, 89 watchmakers, and 268 weavers.

Reimbursements.

Letters are being received from the officials of the various departments, claiming pay for extra services. A majority of the committee favor the validity of their claims, and will probably grant their application.

The Original Washington Medal.

There is a gentleman in this city, a native of Pennsylvania, who many years ago represented that State in Congress, and who possesses the only original medal of George Washington now in this country. There were only four struck, as the die split upon the fifth. The other three are said to be in possession of the crown of Great Britain, the Czar of Russia and the King of Belgium. This has the date of 1797. On its face is a correct likeness of Washington, and showing the date of his resignation and his relinquishment of the Presidency. On the reverse is a coat of arms, including a tomahawk and a quiver full of arrows. It was left to this gentleman by a Mr. Philpat, an Englishman, whom he provided for and nursed in his last hours. It is the work of one Halliday, of England.

The Murderer O'Brien.

General B. F. Butler has espoused the cause of Policeman James O'Brien, of Georgetown, sentenced to be hanged on the 27th inst., for the murder of Charles Cunnila, han, bear the above named city last summe It is stated that O'Brien served in General Butler's army, and that the latter will use his utmost endeavor to save his life.

The Gaugers' Fees Reports.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued a circular abolishing the report of gaugers' fees earned, heretofore made by assessors on Form 109. This form will not be required after the month of January, 1873.

Senator Caldwell's Case.

The political complexion of the Senate Committee that reported upon the Caldwell case Monday morning, is variously commented upon. It consists of seven members: Morton, of Indiana, Carpenter, of Wisconsin, Logan, of Illinois, Anthony, of Rhode Island, Hill, of Georgia, Alcorn, of Mississippi, and Trumbull, of Illinois—four Republicans and three Liberals, or "opposition" Senators.

Trumbull is undisguised in his opposition to the Republican party, while Alcorn and Hill were for Greeley and Brown until the eleventh hour, when they made a very faint show of favor for the Grant and Wilson ticket.

Of this committee, four members, Morton, Trumbull, Alcorn and Hill—one Republican and three Liberals—resolved that Mr. Caldwell was not legally elected to a seat in the United States Senate.

On the other hand, the three Republican members—Logan, Carpenter and Anthony—dissent from the majority report, "upon the ground that there was not sufficient evidence of bribery to justify it."

The Proposed Endowment to Schools.

The propositions before Congress to grant additional lands or devote the proceeds of the sales of public lands to the various States for school purposes, or as an endowment to agricultural colleges, are certain to be defeated this Congress, and some members are of the opinion that such measures should never be allowed, as it is establishes bad precedent, and makes the States expect aid from the National Government for the care of their schools, the propriety of which is very much doubted.

Education.

The computation made in the Bureau of Education from the material of the census, showed that of the 14,507,658 children between the ages of 5 and 20 inclusive, only 7,209,838, or about one half, were attending any school or institution of learning for 1870.

A Cool Job.

The apothecaries, master-at-arms, yeomen, and writers employed at the navy yard ordinaries, have petitioned the Secretary of the Navy for the payment to them of what they claim they should have received with their salaries—thirty cents a day in lieu of rations. This would amount to $109.50 per annum per man, and would draw out of the U. S. Treasury the sum of $200,000. Many of these men have been employed during a series of years, and they hold that they are entitled as *seamen*, when they really never enlisted for a definite period, and can resign or be removed at will. The law provides that only enlisted seamen shall receive this thirty cents per diem, or a ration in lieu thereof, and they only under certain circumstances. This claim was once *rejected* by the Secretary, but is being pressed vigorously as ever, and, it is understood, by parties who would be acting more appropriately were they looking after the interests of the Government instead. DIAMOND.

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WASHINGTON, February 18, 1873.

The Pomeroy Investigation.

The Senate Committee on the Pomeroy case this morning held a secret session for an hour. It was then announced that the committee would confine their inquires to transactions between Pomeroy and York. J. C. Horton was then called by Mr. Simpson, who testified that he resides at Lawrence; is agent for the Kansas Pacific Railroad; on January 7th, 1874, Senator York invited him to meet at Simpson's room, Tefft House. Witness described the occurrence at that meeting as York described it yesterday. York sent to him on Wednesday. Witness went to the private room of York and showed him seven thousand dollars, saying he received it from Pomeroy. I asked him how he felt. He said, "Horton, I've had a fearful struggle over this thing." I think he said he had been praying over it. [Audible smiles.]

Report on the Credit Mobilier Investigation.

The report of Poland's Committee is very voluminous. The committee, after stating their views on the question of the jurisdiction of the House in the premises, say they are of the opinion that an act of members not in the present House should be treated as worthless, coming within the jurisdiction of the present House. In relation to Ames, he sold members Credit Mobilier stock at par when it was worth double that amount, with a corrupt purpose. The facts as to Brooks show that he used his influence as a Congressman and Government director of the Union Pacific to get possession of stock. The statute applicable in cases of bribery of this kind is then cited, and the committee proceed to say that in their judgment the facts reported in regard to Ames and Brooks would have justified their conviction thereunder. The committee accordingly report resolutions expelling Ames and Brooks.

Stock Exchange Investigation.

The Ways and Means Committee resumed the investigation of the Stock Exchange matter today. John F. Denny, of the Law Committee of the Exchange, gave testimony only confirmatory of that already published.

S. V. White, his associate, testified to the authority given Lockwood to employ counsel at an expense of ten thousand dollars, the intention being to employ Judge Sherman, but finding that Sherman accomplished nothing, Colgate was employed.

Colfax's Election Expenses.

Vice President Colfax, in regard to his testimony before the Poland investigating committee, says he received from Nesbitt, as he left the mouths of April, June, July and October of that year, a remittance of $1,000, making $4,000 in all, the April and July remittances having been in checks. These remittances were made partly on personal and partly on political grounds.

Report on the Louisiana Difficulty.

The majority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections will, it is understood, report in favor of a new election in Louisiana. There will be two minority reports, one sustaining McEnery as Governor of the State and admitting McMillan as Senator, and the other sustaining Kellogg as Governor and admitting Ray to the Senate.

Weather Probabilities.

For the middle Atlantic coast, southerly winds, veering to fresh westerly and cloudy weather; for the Ohio valley, westerly winds and a falling temperature; for the lower lakes, southerly winds, veering to westerly brisk, with cloudy weather.

Senatorial Investigation.

The Senate Credit Mobilier Committee this morning heard the statements of Senator Patterson, Gen. H. V. Boynton and Representative Dawes.

The Constitutional Convention.

DEBATE ON THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION CONTINUED.

PHILADELPHIA, February 17, 1873.

Delay in Meeting.

Delay was occasioned this morning through the lack of a quorum, and it was 10:45 before the Convention was called to order by President Meredith.

Many of the principal members were on hand promptly at 10 o'clock, among whom were J. S. Guthrie, the dignified member from Allegheny, whose appearance reminds us of both Clay and Calhoun; Jeremiah Black, the Nestor of Pennsylvania Democracy; Mantor, the active and handsome delegate from Crawford; Boyd, smooth shaven, classic faced, and with a figure that might have stood for the Apollo Belvidere; Bartholomew, quick and fiery in support of every measure which has the right for foundation; Broomall, the eloquent advocate of Woman Suffrage, and Judges Walker and Lawrence, who have so ably presided during the recent illness of President Meredith; John Price Wetherill, George M. Dallas and ex-Governor Curtin.

Postage on Debates Mailed to Newspapers.

Mr. Newlin reported that he had been in correspondence with the Postmaster General relative to the postage on the Convention debates, mailed to the newspapers of the State, and that the latter replied that he had already given orders in respect to the same.

Suffrage and Election.

The Committee then went into Committee of the Whole, Judge Lawrence in the chair.

The question was on the amendment of Mr. Baer, providing for a secret ballot.

Mr. Hay thought that the ballot-box should be protected more effectually than it is now, and favored the section.

Mr. McAllister felt that it was required of this Convention, and so esteemed by those who sent the members to this hall, that new guards should be thrown about the elective franchise to preserve it from frauds.

Mr. Collins opposed the proposition, and believed that for the protection of the mechanics, laboring men and humbler classes generally, the secret ballot should be embodied in the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Mr. De France thought that there would come before this Convention no other question so vital as this to the welfare of the State. The section which had received the careful attention of the committee certainly was one which deserved adoption. It was a step in the right direction. It would not fail to have the endorsement of the people, and for one he would vote for it.

Mr. Beebe believed that of the 750,000 voters in Pennsylvania, there were 550,000 at least who would say that we have a system now which is satisfactory to us. If Philadelphia is corrupt at her elections, let her people take the matter into their own hands.

Judge Walker favored the present provision of the Constitution, and hoped that the section would be promptly voted down.

A number of amendments were now proposed to the amendment of Mr. Baer, and were voted down, as was also the latter.

On motion the committee rose and the Convention adjourned.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

(THIRD SESSION.)

Exemptions Allowed by the Bankrupt Law—Education in the Southern States—Report of the Poland Credit Mobilier Investigating Committee Submitted to the House.

WASHINGTON, February 18, 1873.

SENATE.

Bills Passed.

The House bill declaring that the exemptions allowed by the Bankrupt Law shall be the amounts allowed by the Constitution and laws of each State in 1871, and that such exemptions are to be valid against debts contracted before the adoption of such State Constitutions, as well as to those contracted afterwards, and against liens by judgment or decree of any State court, was taken up and passed.

The following bills on the calendar were passed: The House bill reported to-day to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America, Asia and Europe; the House bill for the relief of settlers on the Sioux Indian reservation in Minnesota; fixing the time for holding the fall term of the United States District Court of Nebraska.

Education in the Southern States.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported, with amendments, Lewis' bill for the promotion of education in the Southern States. As amended the bill provides for distributing $2,000,000 to Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and the District of Columbia, in the ratio of their population, for the education of children from six to sixteen years old, irrespective of color or condition.

Petition of Pomeroy's Counsel.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the following petition of B. F. Simpson, acting as counsel in the prosecution of the charge against Senator Pomeroy:

To the Senate of the United States:

I have been instructed by A. M. York and others to respectfully request the Senate to so enlarge the subject matter of inquiry of the special Committee as to receive the statements of the proceedings of the Legislature of Kansas who are now here, and others who have been summoned, that they were offered money or other valuable consideration by agents and friends of Senator Pomeroy to vote for him in the election.

B. F. SIMPSON.

After considerable discussion on the petition, Mr. PERRY (Conn.) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee charged with the investigation of charges against the Hon. S. C. Pomeroy be allowed to inquire into any allegations of bribery or corruption by said Pomeroy in the recent election of United States Senator by the Legislature of Kansas.

The resolution was agreed to.

Insurance Companies vs. the Geneva Awards.

Mr. CONKLING presented a memorial of the insurance companies of New York against being excluded from the Geneva award.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Printing Debates.

The bill directing a contract with Murtagh, of the Washington *Republican*, for reporting and printing the debates of Congress, was taken up. The previous question was not seconded by 64 to 72, the manager of the bill (Beatty) having thus lost control of it, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT, $10,000 was appropriated for a statue of the late Senator Baker, of California, for the national capital.

Propositions were made to strike out the item in regard to reports on fisheries and on French discoveries in the northwest, and in relation to the observation of the transit of Venus in December, 1874. After much discussion the items were retained in the bill.

After progressing with the bill as far as page sixteen (the bill contains forty-eight pages), the Committee at 1:30 rose, and the Speaker having resumed the Chair,

Mr. POLAND rose to make a report from the select Committee on the

Credit Mobilier Investigation.

He presented the report, which the clerk proceeded to read. All the members implicated by the report were in their seats. Ames occupying a front seat and Brooks occupying a back seat. The Speaker took a seat on the floor of the House, the chair being occupied by Mr. Cox (New York) as Speaker *pro tem*. The galleries were crowded with spectators, and the most intense degree of interest was manifested in the proceedings. The reading of the report having been completed,

Mr. POLAND rose, and said that the Committee did not expect any action to be taken on the report until it was printed and until each member had an opportunity of examining it, nor did the committee propose to have a day fixed for its discussion until then.

Mr. BROOKS rose, and said he desired to submit to the House, in reply to what seemed to him a most partial, unjust and persecuting report, two documents, which had not been noticed at all by the committee—the first of these documents was the *proces verbal* of the action instituted by McComb in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania against the Credit Mobilier in December, 1867, containing a list of stockholder as long ago as December 1867.

Mr. POLAND said the list was printed at length in the testimony.

Mr. BROOKS—But it is not alluded to in the report.

Mr. POLAND—We had no occasion to allude to it in the report. If it has any bearing on the case, it will be before the House, because it is part of the testimony. I do not design to be led into a discussion now. The list was read, the point of it being that Brooks' name did not appear as a stockholder at the time of the Credit Mobilier, and that Charles N. Neilson's name did appear as a stockholder of one hundred and fifty shares, and that this was before Brooks was appointed a Government director.

Mr. BROOKS also presented a *proces verbal* of another suit in Pennsylvania between the same parties, showing the same state of facts in respect to Neilson holding stock and as to Brooks not holding any.

Mr. POLAND remarked that as those papers had been presented, he would merely say that although the suit was entitled as of a certain term, all the evidence was that the suit was not actually commenced till the fall of 1868, and although the paper attached to some of the proceedings in that suit gave the date of December 12, 1867, as the date of the stockholders' list, there was no question at all that one hundred shares were given on the 26th of December, and fifty shares on the 29th of February thereafter.

Mr. BROOKS remarked that a man may be the owner of stock long before his ownership becomes a matter of record. He called attention to the fact that on several occasions he had either voted against the interest of the Union Pacific Railroad Company or had refrained from voting.

Mr. BUTLER suggested that discussion of the subject should be fixed for Tuesday next.

Mr. POLAND had no objection to that. As to the question of the date of ownership of stock, it was not contended at all that it stood in Neilson's name until the date of the certificate. As to Brooks' votes in Congress, he (Poland) would merely remark that at no time had the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Credit Mobilier were divided in interest, and that Brooks' action and votes had been on the side represented by Durant, from whom he had received the stock.

On motion of Mr. POLAND, further proceedings under the report were postponed until Tuesday next, after the reading of the journal.

The House then again went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Tyner in the chair, and resumed consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. Without finishing the bill the House adjourned.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, February 18.—River 39 feet; rising. Arrived—Andy Baum, Memphis; tow boats Lake Erie and Grant, with coal from Pittsburgh. Departed—R. R. Hudson, Wheeling. Cloudy; thermometer 58 at seven.

MEMPHIS, February 18.—Generally clear; quite warm to-day, but heavy rain and thunder storm to-night. River rising rapidly. Arrived—St. Joe, St. Louis. Departed—Grand Lake, Pittsburgh; Cleburn, White river; Ajax and barges, Glencoe; Hallman and barges, Indiana and Silver, New Orleans; Julia, Vicksburg; Tom Jasper, Northwestern and City of Helena, St. Louis; City of Alton, New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS, February 18.—Arrived—Babbage, Cairo; City of Chester, Memphis. Departed—Victory, Pittsburgh; Rescue, Red river. The river here yesterday and the day before was six feet; to-day fell about two feet. The low at Alton, Louisiana and points above started to-day, and will soon be here, but no danger is apprehended. Weather clear and warm.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18.—Arrived—Chas. Bodmann, Cincinnati; Mary Houston, Louisville. Departed—C. B. Church, Cincinnati; James Howard, St. Louis. Cloudy and warm.

LOUISVILLE, February 18.—River fallen 3 inches since morning; falling slowly; 15 feet 6 inches in canal, 13 feet 6 inches in chute. Clear, fine and springlike; mercury 55. Business active. Fears of an overflow much abated. Arrived—Hobbs and Albion, Pomeroy; Sam. Roberts, Pittsburgh; Farmer, New Orleans; Wm. Cowan, Cumberland river. Departed—Mary Miller, Arkansas river; Commonwealth and Alice Brown, New Orleans; Dictator, W. H. Brown and Kanawha, Pittsburgh; Albion, Memphis. The Warner expects to get off for Cincinnati to-night.

CINCINNATI, February 18.—River rising very slowly; fears of an overflow are subsiding. Weather mild and blustering; partially cloudy. No movement of steamboats.

EVANSVILLE, IND., February 18.—Clear till evening, now cloudy, growing colder; mercury 42 to 60; now 57. River risen 4 feet; swelling. Down—Thompson Dean, 10:30 P. M.: Palestine, 8 A. M.; Exchange, 2 P. M.; Ada Hellman, 3; Mary Ament, 3:30 P. M.; Tarascon, 6; Rose Hite, 8 A. M.; Potomac, 2 P. M.; Mary Davage and Barges, 4. Business very active.

CAIRO, February 18.—Arrived—Grand Tower. Memphis, 3 P. M. Departed—Mollie Ebert, Cincinnati, 2; Grand Tower, St. Louis, 3; Marble City, Memphis, 4; Fanny Lewis, St. Louis, 5. River risen 15 inches; is now 30 feet above low water. Clear and warm.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

HARRISBURG.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Bill Recalled and Amended.

The Company Restricted in its Increase of Capital Stock and Issue of Bonds.

Governor Hartranft Not so Obedient to Railroad Influence as the Legislature.

The Governor's First Veto of the Worst Sort of Special Legislation.

Allegheny City Authorized to Issue Bonds to Purchase the Gas Works.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, February 18, 1873.

Governor Hartranft and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Quite a buzz of excitement was created about the Capital last night by a report that Governor Hartranft had indicated a determination to veto the Pennsylvania Railroad bill, permitting that corporation to increase its capital stock indefinitely and issue mortgage bonds in the same unlimited way, unless the bill was amended so as to place some limitation on the power granted the company. This was confirmed by the fact that as soon as the Senate was called to order, at its evening session, a resolution was passed requesting the Governor to return the Railroad bill for amendment. This morning the House passed the same resolution, and in a few minutes the Governor had returned the bill to the Senate. Senator McClure immediately moved to take it up, and reconsider the vote by which it passed. This was carried, and he then moved an amendment restricting the increase of capital stock of the company to an amount not exceeding that now allowed by law.

General White asked what amount of capital stock was now authorized to be issued by the Railroad Company.

Colonel McClure (after a word of consultation with Mr. Moon), said seventy-five millions of dollars.

The amendment was then adopted, the bill sent to the House and the amendment concurred in as soon as read in that body, and without a word of discussion.

Great efforts were made, I hear, to induce Governor Hartranft to approve the bill as it originally passed the Legislature, but, to his credit be it said, he was immovable in insisting that some limitation should be placed on the railroad company in the increase of its capital stock. Colonel Thomas A. Scott came up from Washington City to Harrisburg, on Saturday night, on special train, and interviewed the Governor on Sunday, in behalf of the bill. But it was of no use. The Governor remained firm. Colonel Scott, it is reported, then endeavored to secure a pledge that the Governor would approve a bill increasing the capital stock to an amount treble the amount now issued. This the Governor neglected, and the railroad people had to come down to the terms of the amended bill as it passed the Legislature to-day, which, it is presumed, the Governor will approve. It authorizes the railroad company to increase its capital stock from seventy-five millions to one hundred and fifty millions of dollars; double it in fact. That would seem to be a sufficient increase to meet all the legitimate demands of the railroad, great as they may be, in its extraordinary system of continental expansion.

Governor Hartranft's opposition to the bill was unexpected by its promoters. When they got it through the Legislature so easily and speedily, without discussion, or permitting it to have the publicity its magnitude demanded, they counted their work done. The idea of the Governor having a mind of his own never entered their heads. "Of course Hartranft will sign it," was the invariable remark, and the unanimity with which it passed the Legislature was cited as a reason why it would meet with no Executive opposition. But they were at fault in their assumptions. The Governor would not sign the bill until the extraordinary and unlimited grant of powers had been extracted from it. In this he has shown a firmness of character that merits recognition, especially after the humiliating course of the Legislature in passing the bill, at the dictation of the railroad lobby, without a word of discussion or even taking the trouble to call the yeas and nays. It requires a good deal of nerve here at the State Capital for any public man to raise a word of protest against the demands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. That Governor Hartranft possesses the necessary back-bone is subject for congratulation with that large body of people who are about disgusted at the State being ruled from a railroad office by great, wise and wealthy men, it is true, but who the people don't get a chance to vote for or against.

A Veto in the Right Direction from Gov. Hartranft.

The above shows Governor Hartranft has a strong disposition to check the abuses of special legislation. In addition he has just vetoed a bill passed by the Legislature excepting the borough of Connellsville from the provisions of the third section of the act of June 3d, 1871, "for the further regulation of boroughs," which provides for a uniform method of voting in the election of members of council in the boroughs of the Commonwealth, under what is known as the cumulative plan. This is Mr. Buckalew's pet measure, passed at his instance two years ago, and it seems a little singular to see Governor Hartranft come to its defence in his first veto message. But he does it on a general principle that merits the highest commendation.

The Governor in his brief veto message read in the Senate last night, says:

"Without expressing any opinion as to the cumulative system, I object to the bill because it is designed to except a particular borough from the operation of a general law of the Commonwealth. Only extraordinary circumstances, in my judgment, can justify this form of legislation, and no argument is offered in support of the bill which will not apply with equal force to the method of voting in any other borough, except that the people of Connellsville prefer the system of voting in the election of Councilmen which prevailed prior to the act of 1871. If the act of 1871 is a wise enactment and salutary in its results, the borough of Connellsville should not be deprived of its benefits. If it is not, it should be repealed generally, and not for the borough of Connellsville alone."

This seems to put the Governor at war with a particular species of local legislation that has been productive of the greatest abuses. It is quite the fashion of the people of particular localities—the managing people, I mean, who have some special axe to grind—to "snake" through the sort of legislation Governor Hartranft has stamped with his disapproval. Some general law, wise and judicious, considered in its effect upon the whole State, is found inconvenient in localities to certain people, and they straightway set to work to relieve themselves of its provisions. In this way the laws of the State are incongruous and conflicting in different localities; adjoining townships are governed by conflicting codes, and confusion and inconvenience is the result.

The Mysterious Ways of Legislation.

Two bills from Allegheny county came up today that met with a sad fate. They were not only killed very dead, as Patrick would say, but worse than that, dragged to the tomb near friends. These bills were respectively bills toin corporate "the Allegheny Improvement Land Company" and "the Pennsylvania Land Improvement Company." At a casual glance they seemed very harmless and inoffensive things. George W. Spencer, C. H. Love, Joseph M. Gazzam, G. A. Sprecher, George B. Hill, E. H. Paulson, Jackson Duncan, David Gregg, and their associates were named as incorporators, to have perpetual succession, and to exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges vested in and conferred upon "the improvement and co-operative company," chartered in 1871, and "the United Security, Life and Trust Company," chartered in 1868. That was all, but it started some of the members on the hunt for what powers were conferred by the acts of 1871 and 1868, proposed to be re-enacted on these charters asked for by Messrs. Spencer, Love, Gazzam and their associates. Then came an explosion. The powers sought for were of the most sweeping character imaginable. Under them the two Pittsburgh companies could do almost anything within the whole range of commercial, financial, and industrial enterprises and speculation. There was no end to what they could do. The *Credit Mobilier* charter was innocence itself compared to what the "Alleghenys" and the "Pennsylvania" Land Improvement Companies sought. The House rejected the bills very summarily, and they sank in the legislative grave unwept and unhonored.

But this was not all. The House, struck by the exposure of the enormity of the charter of "The Improvement and Corporate Company," passed in 1871, struck out all after the enacting clause in Joe. Gazzam's Pennsylvania Land Improvement Company, and inserted a section repealing outright the first named bill, and passed it without a negative vote. Instead of the "Pennsylvania" company drawing life from the "Corporative" company, it was the cause of its death, which came upon it as sudden and startling as a stroke of lightning. Since these two Allegheny county bills were so very soon done for, the wonder is what they were begun for, which is a poetical and pertinent way of putting it.

Purchase of Allegheny Gas Works by the City.

By the act incorporating the Allegheny Gas Company, the right was reserved to the city to purchase the works and conduct the business, at a fair valuation, to be determined by disinterested parties, twenty years after the act of incorporation. This period will elapse in the coming month of May, and Allegheny is determined to go into the gas lighting business for its own municipal benefit and the benefit of its citizens. This is highly to be commended, if it will reduce the price of the article to the people. The Gas Company has paid good dividends, and watered its stock up to the regulation stand-point, so the investment will probably prove to be a good one. Senator Graham, at the request of the Allegheny Councils, this morning introduced a bill authorizing the city to issue twenty years seven per cent. bonds to an amount necessary to purchase the Gas Company's property. The bill was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Water Improvements.

A bill was also introduced in the Senate by the same Senator to authorize the city of Allegheny to issue, for purposes of water improvements, $150,000 twenty years seven per cent. bonds.

Street Improvements in Allegheny.

Senator Graham introduced a bill to-day of interest to the people of Allegheny, regulating the assessment of damages for street improvements. It provides that when it is desired to regrade or repave streets or alleys in the city, and the cost of the original paving was paid by property abutting thereon, the matter shall be referred to disinterested viewers, who shall report to Councils whether the improvement is in whole or in part thereof, of benefit to the property or the city. If the report shows a benefit to the property, it shall state what proportion shall be paid by the same. An appeal may be taken from the viewers to the the court within ten days, and all action under the ordinance must be suspended until the final action of the court thereon. The assessment is to be at an equal rate on the foot front of the several properties abutting on the street or alley. Councils, by the bill, are also authorized to pass a general ordinance requiring owners of side walks to keep them in good order, and in case of neglect or refusal, the city may have the same done, and the expense will remain a lien on the property until it shall be fully paid and collected, in the same manner as grading liens are collected.

Local Option Law.

In the House, to-day, Mr. Mahon, the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, rose to a question of privilege in regard to allegations made by a Harrisburg paper, that the Judiciary Committee was engaged in the work of smothering the supplemental local option bill. Of course, Mr. Mahon showed that the charge was unfounded, and that the report of the bill was delayed by the House suspending all legislative business during the obsequies of ex-Governor Geary. He said the committee had instructed him to report the bill recommending its passage, and he would do so as soon as he had an opportunity under the rules of the House. The indications are that it will be passed this week or next.

This was all very well, but Mr. Mahon went on in quite a lofty way to speak of how indifferent he was to newspaper censure or praise. This involves a profound reflection I have often cogitated upon of how serenely indifferent Congressmen, negro minstrels, legislators, actors, lawyers, danseuse, political orators, patent medicine inventors, and the classes generally, who air themselves befor the public, are to the uses of printers' ink. That is if you believe what they say, which nobody pretends to do.

Notaries Public.

About fifty laws are averaged by the Legislature at each session, authorizing the Governor to point additional Notaries Public in particular counties. Nobody ever objects to them. A general law has just been passed, however, which changes things by giving the Governor power to appoint as many additional Notaries Public as he deems proper. He can muster in a brigade of Notaries two thousand strong if he sees fit; but just here came in the little joke that each Notary must pay into the State Treasury twenty-five dollars before entering on the duties of his office. ARCTIC.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, February 18, 1873.

SENATE.

Veto Message.

The Governor sent his first veto message in this morning on Senator Playford's bill authorizing cumulative voting in Connellsville.

Bills Passed.

Senator GRAHAM read an act relative to mechanics' liens and leaseholds, and called up and had passed Mr. Batchelor's bond bill, with an amendment by Mr. Wallace, to tax Allegheny bonds, and to authorize the city of Allegheny to issue bonds for the purchase of the gas works, which he had passed; also an act to authorize the city of Allegheny to issue water bonds for $150,000; also an act relative to the paving of streets.

HOUSE.

Local Option.

Mr. MAHON, of Franklin, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, asked leave to report the Local Option bill authorizing the city of Pittsburgh to vote on it. Refused.

The Allegheny Land Improvement Co.

excited considerable debate, during which the bill was amended by repealing the charter to which it referred.

Clarion River Improvement Defeated.

Judge Lawson's improvement bill for the Clarion river was called up. Messrs. DAVIS and LAWSON debated it for an hour. The bill was defeated.

Salaries of Tipstaves and Criers.

The Senate amendments to the House bill authorizing the Judges to fix the salaries of Tipstaves and criers were nonconcurred in on motion of Mr. RAMSEY.

Bills Passed.

Afternoon Session.—Bills on the private calendar were passed as follows:

A supplement to the Woods Run Savings Bank.

An act incorporating the People's Bank of Fayette county.

An act incorporating the United States Savings Bank of Pittsburgh.

A supplement to the Wildwood avenue act, authorizing the levy of a tax in Millvale.

A supplement to the act establishing a ferry at Freeport.

An act incorporating the Union Bridge Company.

Extension of Road Laws.

Mr. SMITH, of Fayette, presented a petition of numerous petitioners for the extension of the Luzerne road laws of Luzerne county to Fayette county.

Report of the Bank Committee.

The Bank Committee held a session to-day and favorably reported on the application of the Fidelity Trust Company of Pittsburgh, a supplement to the Temperanceville Bank, and a supplement to the Shoe and Leather Bank.

The P. R. R. Bill Amended.

The bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was amended, after receiving it from the Governor, to limit the increase to double the amount of their present capital stock.

Oil City Bridge.

Quite a discussion took place on the Oil City bridge. The bill passed finally, with an amendment by Mr. RAMSEY, that it extend from Petroleum street to Lincoln street.

Night Session of Committee on Banks.

Mr. MCCORMICK, of Allegheny, brought out all the Allegheny banks with a favorable recommendation, viz: the House, Real Estate and Saving, the supplement to the Safe Deposit and Trust of Swissvale, that to the Walters bill; the Bank of Industry, the Pennsylvania Improvement and Trust, supplement to the Nation's Bank of Allegheny, supplement of the Union Savings Bank, and an act to incorporate the Hoboken Bank.

COLUMBUS.

Annual Meeting of the Cleveland, Mt. Vernon & Columbus R. R. Co.—President and Board of Directors Chosen.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

COLUMBUS, O., February 18, 1873.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland, Mt. Vernon and Columbus Railroad Company was held to-day at Mt. Vernon, when an election for Directors was held for the ensuing year. The following Board was chosen: R. C. Hurd, Daniel Israel and Charles Cooper, of Mt. Vernon; Thos. D. Messler, of Pittsburgh; Isaac

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1873

WE ARE to have eight new first-class war vessels, the Conference Committee having agreed upon that number.

MINISTER SICKLES has been authorized to announce the recognition of the Spanish Republic by the Government of the United States.

VIRTUOUS CALDWELL declines to be put under oath touching the charges against himself. He thinks his word is as good as his oath, and the country agrees with him.

STOKES is refused a new trial, and a stay of proceedings. Unless a judge can be found more pliable than Judge Boardman, he will be apt to find out that hanging for murder is not "played out in New York."

MR. SHERMAN'S bill for the resumption of specie payments on the first of January next, having been laid on the table in the Senate by a vote of 29 to 27, the question will not probably come up again at this session.

THE House of Representatives at Harrisburg, has passed a resolution for the final adjournment of the Legislature, on Thursday, the 27th of *March* and not *February*, as inadvertently stated in our Harrisburg correspondence. The Senate has yet to act on the resolution.

OUR latest information from France is to the effect that a coalition has been formed, composed of all sections of the party of the Left, who have notified President Thiers of their determination to support him in the present crisis, and it is now believed that a satisfactory compromise will finally be effected between Thiers and the Committee of Thirty.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the coupons of the two-year notes of 1863, which may hereafter be presented detached from the notes, in violation of the notice on said coupons that "this coupon is void if detached from this note, except by an authorized officer of the Government," shall be paid the same as if the notes and coupons had been presented together.

SENATOR POMEROY has delivered a speech in Congress, in which he denied the whole story of his guilt, and declared himself the victim of a successful conspiracy. He asked for the appointment of an investigating committee, to report before the close of his term. The time is too short; Mr. Pomeroy will have to content himself with a statement under oath, and must look to his trial for his vindication before the American people.

BOTH England and Switzerland are in trouble with the Catholic priesthood in their midst. The English difficulty grew out of an election in Ireland, and has resulted in the prosecution of several prominent Catholic clergymen; while that in Switzerland grows out of the Pope's allocution. The Government in Switzerland pays its clergy, and claims in consequence the right to control them. It has just expelled Bishop Mermillod from the Canton of Geneva.

SPEAKER BLAINE, very much to our gratification, bids fair to come out of the Credit Mobilier investigation with flying colors. Sanderson, who seems to have been industriously engaged in trying to involve him unpleasantly, is not so happy, and finds himself and his schemes very unpleasantly exposed. The investigation proper drags its slow length along, it being quite apparent that the main facts are brought to light, and that the personal squabblings of those whose testimony differs is now all that will be developed. Let the committee report.

MUCH indignation is expressed by our eastern exchanges at the heartless manner in which Mr. Greeley's daughters have been treated relative to their father's will. There was comparatively little difference between the two documents, and the daughters voluntarily proposed to meet all the requirements of the will of 1871, offered in contest against that of a later date. Yet all the incoherent and maudlin utterances that characterized his unfortunate condition during the few last months of his life have been drawn out in evidence, and paraded in the papers, to the intense annoyance of his daughters. Such conduct on the part of the contestants is heartless, however much legality there may be in it.

THE Mormons are exceedingly disquieted over the arrival at Salt Lake of considerable bodies of United States troops, and are reported to be looking for a new home amid the wilds of Arizona. President Grant is evidently determined, should Congress enact laws looking to the repression of polygamy, that there shall be no failure in enforcing them, as there was under Buchanan's administration. The expedition of General Johnston against them was a financial benefit, but now the Government will be very likely to carry its measures, should it attempt to do so. It may be questioned, however, whether the speediest method of eradicating Mormonism will not be by the settlement of Gentiles in their midst.

WE doubt very much the propriety of making the officers of the Workhouse elective by the people, instead of being appointed by the Prison Board. What the intention of the parties is who have sent on the bill to Harrisburg on this question we do not know, but the fact that individuals who take no interest whatever in our Prisons, are asking for the passage of the bill, throws a suspicion on it. It is much better, we believe, to keep all such offices out of Politics, as no sooner would an election take place than a dozen or more applicants would spring up for minor appointments. We should like to hear from Mr. Albree, Mr. George R. White, or any of the present Workhouse Board on this subject.

THE opposition of the titled in Europe to the emigration of the masses to this country, seems universal and wide-spread. The Marquis of Lorne only represented a very large class of persons when he urged his Scottish countrymen to remain at home, and not seek the United States, telling them of the scarcity of labor, but not of the promises of pay. But such pleadings can amount to little when from our prairies the friends of those in the old country write them of the competence so easily achieved here. Doubtless a check in the tide of emigration would be well for this country, yet there is room enough for all who will come. The only way to successfully restrain the flow of emigration is for the European governments to so modify their institutions and governments as to satisfy the wants of the common people.

DESPITE the conflict that appears in the testimony of Ames and Colfax, relative to the latter's connection with the Credit Mobilier, we prefer to accept the statements of the latter, as being the most succinct and credible. There is really not so much conflict in the testimony as we imagined there would be. Ames admits, and the Clerk of the Sergeant-at-Arms asserts, that the "S. C." check for $1,200 was paid to Ames. It then becomes a question whether the latter paid Colfax the money he received for the check. The latter says he did not, and explains the deposit of $1,200 by showing that he received $1,000 of the money from Nesbitt, in a letter, and $200 from his father-in-law, Matthews. He admits, however, having bought and paid for some Credit Mobilier stock, but claims that he gave it up, long since, losing $500 in the speculation. Any and all payments of money to him, on this account, by Ames, he totally denies. His statements are certainly circumstantial and direct.

THE comprehensive supplement to the charter of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which has passed the Legislature, has in it two suggestions, both of a very comforting nature. One is, the enlargement of the facilities of the road,—it being explained that the proposed increase of stock is to provide four tracks between this city and Philadelphia. Such an arrangement has been needed for a long time. The immense business of the road, both in freight and passengers, as we have frequently shown, requires greater track facilities. The other suggestion is, that the managers of the road are disposed to think that the days of special legislation are nearly over and are providing for the future while they may. So mote it be. If it shall turn out that the work of the Constitutional Convention shall be so judiciously performed that there need be no doubt of its ratification by the people, it will prove a great gratification. This and several other Legislative movements indicate a growing opinion in high quarters that an acceptable Constitution will be framed.

THE GROWTH of silk manufacture in this country is steadily increasing, until at this time it reaches a prominence and extent which are astonishing. Within a decade it has sprung up from an insignificant and unpromising experiment, and now bids fair to become one of the leading and most lucrative branches of our varied industry. There is said to be at this time capital of over $30,000,000 invested in the business in this country, against less than $3,000,000 in 1860. Sixteen thousand operatives are employed, earning $8,000,000 per annum, and weaving between $30,000,000 and $40,000,000 worth of silk goods in a year. And yet the planting of the mulberry and oak trees, which are chiefly used in propagating the worms, as well as the employment of the Chinese, has been attended with serious drawbacks, which it will require time to overcome. Another obstacle in the way of a more rapid growth of silk manufacture in this country, is found in the fact that the California raw silk must all be sent to Europe to be reeled, the improved machinery necessary for that purpose not having, strangely enough, found its way as yet to this country. The American silks are universally admired, both in this country and in Europe, and when our facilities are matured we will be able to compete with the world.

AS WAS anticipated, the attempt to provide for the distribution of the Geneva award is beset with many and apparently insuperable difficulties. There are claimants enough, but many of them will find it difficult to make good their claims. It is well known, for example, that when the Alabama began her depredations, the marine insurance companies increased their rates of insurance to the war standard. Thus they received premiums with the express understanding that if rebel cruisers should take and destroy the vessels insured, they were to pay the insurance money. Yet both insurance companies and the owners are applicants for pay! It is argued that neither have any claims,—the insurance companies having had their's in premiums, the owner in amount received on account of insurance. Mr. Frelinghuysen argued, in the Senate, on Monday, that the holders of insurance stock now, are probably very different persons from those who held the same stock during the war, and hence are mere speculators. To us it is perfectly plain that where the risk was taken, for pay, the party assuming it is not entitled to remuneration for loss suffered by war. If such claims are inexorably ruled out, we will not only have the final distribution more speedily made, but it will be more satisfactory to the people generally.

THE members of the new Republican Government in Spain, so far as we are acquainted with their history and character, are all Republicans of the most pronounced type. Figueras, the President of Council, is quite equal to Castellar in his devotion to Republican ideas. The latter is made Minister of Foreign Affairs, a position for which his talents eminently fit him. The others are more or less distinguished as adherents to the Republican cause, and the Cabinet may be regarded as a strong one. It shows that the Republic is to have a thorough trial, and that the best talent in the Republican ranks is to be freely drawn upon to give success to the new Government. The danger to be apprehended comes from two sources,—the various claimants of the throne, and the uneasy Communists recently driven from France. Both these classes are on their way to Madrid. The royalists will, we judge, be readily disposed of. The Communists, however, will exert themselves to give an extreme construction to the views of Republicans, and will seek to make the Spanish Government a counterpart of the Paris Commune. We have confidence that the clear judgment of the Spanish leaders will prevent this, and hope that a safe, sound government will be given the long-suffering Spanish people. Judging from events as they are at this moment, we incline to the opinion that there is more hope for a republic in Spain than there is in France. Those having the government in charge are more profoundly impressed with the importance of a really liberal government; while the legislative body which, from being monarchical could in a moment so change as to accept the abdication of the King and vote the republic, is too much in earnest to be greatly feared. We judge that the kingly occupation is about ended in Spain. The Cortes did a graceful thing in appointing a committee to escort Amadeus to the border. It testified the personal regard toward the young King.

IT HAS been announced that General Fremont is to be prosecuted in one of the Courts of France, for fraud in negotiating the bonds of an American Company, known as the "Transcontinental Railway," or the Memphis and El Paso road. It is alleged that the company never did more than survey the route of the proposed road, and print its bonds. These General Fremont took with him to Paris, and procured the right from the Imperial Government to negotiate them on the Paris Bourse. Several millions were taken and paid for on the strength of the General's reputation, and by virtue of much puffing in one or more French newspapers. Papers which refused to vouch for the security of the loan, or which attempted to cast disfavor on it, were promptly suppressed, so goes the tale, by the agents of Fremont. Clusseret, the irrepressible, was ordered to leave the country for daring to attack the loan. Enough bonds were sold to secure the friends of the scheme some five or six million dollars. Representations were said to have been made that the United States Government guaranteed the payment of the bonds, and that they were in all respects equal to the best then on the Bourse. Nothing was suspected until Minister Washburne, on his arrival in Paris, denied the statement that this Government had anything to do with the matter, and pronounced the bonds worthless. But it was then too late, as the work was done, the bonds having been sold before Mr. Washburne became Minister to France. The corporation was subsequently declared bankrupt, and the Receiver was unable to find other assets than a few worthless locomotives and some iron. It is charged that Fremont spent his money liberally, and bribed every person whom he could reach, that would be of any service to him. The effect of this swindle is an injury to all American stocks offered on the Paris Bourse, and if he is proven guilty, and can be found on French soil, Fremont's chances for a sojourn in a French jail may be considered good. We hope for his own credit the story of his crime may prove erroneous.

IN FOUR weeks from this time the first State election of 1873 will be held in New Hampshire. There are three tickets already in the field, viz.: Republican, Democratic and Prohibition. The "Liberals" have not yet been heard from since the little set-back they got in November last; but the "syndicate composed of"—etc., etc., will no doubt put up a ticket, for the looks of the thing, if for nothing else. The vote cast will be small compared with that of last spring and fall, as the enthusiasm is said to be "not worth talking about." In this condition it behooves the Republicans of the Granite State to be on guard, if they wish to prevent the wresting from them the power conferred by their majority of 2,168 in the State election one year ago. The Republicans, however, are confident of victory; but the State has always been set down as doubtful, and at this time the chances are thought to be about equal by outsiders. The tickets nominated are as follows: For Governor, Ezekiel A. Straw, and for Railroad Commissioner, Edward P. Hobsdon; for Congressmen, Wm. B. Small, in the First District; Austin F. Pike in the Second, and Simon G. Griffith in the Third. The present incumbents, E. A. Hibbard, Samuel N. Bell and Hosea W. Parker, are Democrats, and have been renominated. It will be the chief aim of the Republicans to see that a Republican State shall be properly represented at the national capital. James A. Weston is the Democratic nominee for Governor, and Henry Colony for Railroad Commissioner. The Prohibitionists have nominated Dr. John A. Blackmar for Governor, Asa Kendall for Railroad Commissioner, and A. G. Comings, J. M. Fletcher and A. C. Hardy for Congressmen. As we have said, the Republicans are confident, but New Hampshire is a close State, and constant emigration plays sad havoc with local majorities, and, in the end, tells on the general result. While, therefore, there is little room for apprehension on the part of Republicans, there is a slight shadow of uncertainty which gives the vote of New Hampshire a special interest in the eyes of politicians.

THE DEATH OF GEARY.

The news of the sudden and unexpected death of the late Governor of the State, who was thought to be physically one of the strongest and most robust of men, with a frame and *physique* indicating anything but weakness, as might be supposed, struck all with wonder, and sorrow at the same time. From the news of the distressing event already at hand, we learn that deceased exhibited no symptoms,—and it is generally believed he felt none,—warning him of his sudden, almost instantaneous death, which took place while seated at the breakfast table on Saturday morning last. The immediate cause of his death was heart disease. It is only a few days since the expiration of his second term as Governor of the Commonwealth, and it is a source of some consolation that he was spared to the close of his official career. At the time of his death he was engaged in lively conversation, when instantaneously his head dropped upon his breast, and life had sped.

"O fatal change! become in one sad day
A senseless corse! inanimated clay."

John White Geary was born near Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, in this State, December 30th, 1819, and was therefore in his fifty-fourth year at the time of his death. His ancestry was Scotch-Irish, but for several generations the people from whom he sprang were citizens of this country. Soon after marriage his parents removed from Franklin county to Westmoreland, where his father was for a time engaged in the iron business, but subsequently devoted himself to teaching. Reverses in fortune left the family poor, and from early life it became a hard struggle with the subject of this notice to mount the ladder of fame. After preparation he was entered as a student in Jefferson College, but the death of his father interrupted for a time the career thus looked forward to. He was for a time obliged, in order to support his widowed mother, to open a school, but afterwards returned to college where he graduated with honor. After this he studied engineering, and read law, being admitted to the bar, but not liking that profession he devoted himself to engineering duties. Previous to the breaking out of the war with Mexico he had been engaged on public works in Kentucky, and his native State, but with that event he began his military career, raised a company called the American Highlanders, and was subsequently, at Pittsburgh, made Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Pennsylvania regiment. His services in Mexico are generally known to our readers, and we will only state here that they were of a satisfactory and creditable character. At the close of the war he was appointed by President Polk, Postmaster of San Francisco and mail agent for the Pacific coast, a position of responsibility, requiring executive ability. This led to his election by the people to the position of the First Alcalde, although there were ten other candidates for the position. The functions of this office included the duties of Sheriff, Probate Judge, Recorder, Notary Public and Coroner, all of which he discharged faithfully and well. He was re-elected at the close of his term, and held the office until the American system superseded the Mexican. After this he was elected first Mayor of San Francisco in 1850, and President of the Finance Commission. He was instrumental in having the free State clause incorporated into the Constitution of the new State of California.

On his return to his native State, President Pierce tendered him the Governorship of Utah, but declining that, he, after much entreaty, accepted the position of Governor of the Territory of Kansas, where one Executive had already been displaced, and much excitement and bloodshed had been occasioned by the contest and bitter struggle raging between the Free State and pro-slavery Border Ruffian parties. He held this perilous position for less than one year, viz.: from July, 1856, until March, 1857, when he resigned, owing to the turbulence and violence of the embittered factions, which nothing but open war would satisfy. It was the death grip between liberty and slavery, and one or the other had to go down. No amount of sophistry or reasoning, even, would quell the fury of the contestants, and upon the inauguration of the servile tool of the slavery-loving portion of the country—James Buchanan—Geary, who favored a free State, thought it best to resign, as he had already incurred the deadly enmity of the Border Ruffian element of the population.

His subsequent history is well known to our readers; the honorable part he took in the war of the Rebellion—that outgrowth of the pro-slavery malevalence with which he had already more than once grappled; his recent career as Governor of his native State, where for six years he presided at the Executive Mansion and the State House with that urbanity and reverence for the Constitution for which he was chiefly noted—all is known, and need not be repeated. The world will join us in saying that Governor Geary was at heart a kind, good man, a tender parent, an affectionate husband, a pains-taking officer, and in all things temperate and moderate.

The death of a strong man at all times creates profound emotions in the hearts of friends and acquaintances; but this is peculiarly so with one we knew so well, and upon whom we had often looked as a grand type of the physical man. At the meridian of life, without an instant's warning, in the very bloom of health, and whilst planning for the future, with high hopes and arabitions still prompting him forward, covered with honors, John W. Geary is at last called to his final rest.

BUTLER'S SALARY BILL.

A few days since General Butler reported a bill from the Committee on the Judiciary of the House, increasing the salary of the President to $50,000 per annum, and of the Judges of the Supreme Court to $10,000, Vice President $10,000, the Speaker of the House to $10,000, Cabinet officers to $10,000, Members of Congress to $8,000, and to include the present Congress, which will give each member about $6,000 in addition to the pay heretofore allowed by law.

For many years the propriety of increasing the President's salary has been discussed, but no positive action has been taken until now. The bill is accompanied by a report written by General Butler, which is the subject of considerable comment. The arguments in favor of the increase are ingenious, if not convincing. While almost every officer in the Government have had their salaries increased, the President's salary remains at the sum fixed at the time the Government was organized, and there seems to be a propriety of increasing it. The Judges of the Supreme Court have had their salaries increased twice within a few years, the last time about two years ago, when they were raised from $6,000 to $8,000 per annum. In 1856 Congress changed their pay from a per diem of eight dollars to a salary of $8,000 per annum. Again in 1866, when the paper dollar had the purchasing value as compared with the gold dollar, of about sixty-five cents, they again increased their salaries to $5,000 per annum. But many important officers in the executive departments continue to receive salaries that were fixed by law fifty and sixty years ago.

There are but few intelligent persons who are opposed to allowing officers of high trusts and of great responsibilities, fair and adequate salaries. On the other hand, there are but few who believe that in a Republican Government like ours, extravagant salaries should be allowed. Large salaries beget extravagant and ostentatious displays of equipage, extravagance in dress, and the tendency is to create an aristocracy of office-holders. The Judges of the Supreme Court are liberally paid by existing laws, and in addition, can retire at seventy years of age on a liberal salary for the residue of their lives. What is the necessity for increasing their salaries again, so soon after they have been increased? The answer can likely be found in the desire of the Committee to justify the increase of Congressional salaries by increasing the President's largely, and placing those of the Supreme Court above those allowed to members of Congress.

General Butler tells the people, that Congress having repealed the franking privilege, and thus having saved to the people some two millions and a half of dollars, they should be rewarded for this good act. Old fashioned people will scarcely accept of this as a good reason for an increase. If the repeal of the franking privilege is a good act, why should they be paid for doing such an act? Time will show whether or not the people are benefited by the repeal. We think they will be. Then there is to be no mileage; but actual expenses incurred in traveling to and from the Capital are to be allowed. The General claims a credit of $200,000 on this account. This is a large over-estimate, as will be shown when the next Congress presents the bill for actual expenses; but a bad reason is better than none. Probably the increase to Cabinet officers is proper and not too high; their salaries are inadequate.

The Committee fail to inform the people how much additional pay will be drawn by the present Congress should the bill reported by General Butler pass. There are two hundred and forty members in the House, and seventy-four Senators. Each one will pocket six thousand dollars, in addition to his present salary. Multiply three hundred and fourteen by $6,000, and we have the nice little sum of *one million eight hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars.* That would look like paying pretty well for repealing the franking privilege. Is this the time to increase the salaries of officers already well paid? Five thousand dollars per annum and mileage, is pretty good pay for the average Congressmen for their services six months in each year. The Committee felt that they were advocating a doubtful proposition, or else why such pains to justify it? If their salaries are inadequate, why not say so boldly and plainly.

It is said that the bill will pass the House, for the reason that there are over one hundred members who retire to private life, and nearly all can be counted favorable to its passage. It is likely that all who do vote for it will increase their chances to remain in private life. But the bill bids largely for votes; six thousand dollars is not picked up so easily every day.

If we were to secure better and abler men by the increase, the people might not complain; but the experience of the country is to the contrary. Eight thousand dollars allows a large "corruption fund," and the system adopted in a few districts of purchasing nominations, will be introduced into many districts where corrupt practices have not yet been adopted. The use of money to obtain nominations might, ere long, drive every honest man out of the field of politics, and the venal would fill our legislative halls. In vain may we denounce "Credit Mobilier" when the very fountain of political power becomes corrupt. The man who can, and will, tamper with the local press, and the leading township politicians, by the liberal use of money, will triumph in such contests.

Corruption saps the foundation of Republican liberty; it has destroyed every ancient republic; it shattered to pieces the Roman empire, whose officers became so corrupt and the people so debased, that offices were allotted to the highest bidder. May we not see nominations to Congress allotted to the highest bidder? What good citizen can contemplate such a state of affairs without alarm!

THE SPANISH REPUBLIC.

The various telegrams from Madrid, summarized, indicate considerable success on the part of the Carlist insurrectionists, the abdication of King Amadeus, and the adoption of a Republican form of government by a decided vote of the Cortes. We judge that Castellar and other Republicans of kindred faith are the leading characters in the new movement, despite the fact that the old ministry retain power for the time. Should this prove true, the new Republic will be the most progressive to be found in Europe. The French Government, under Thiers, has a large amount of monarchial leaven in it, while the Swiss may be called a Cantonal government—that is, each of the cantons into which the country is divided, is independent, some being Republican, others retaining much of the old Monarchical style. There is an utter lack of homogenity, as regards the form of government, among the several cantons. But Castellar and his compeers are radical Republicans, possibly too rigid for a country so long under Bourbon rule. Yet who may tell what are the possibilities when men of nerve, of keen forecast and great popularity are at the head of affairs?

King Amadeus has been particularly unfortunate, from the day of his acceptance of the Spanish crown. He arrived in Spain to find his chief supporter, General Prim, assassinated. The gloom of death gathered around him at the very outset. Had Prim lived, his popularity, military skill and masterly energy would have gone far toward giving permanency to the reign of Amadeus. There were none else in sympathy with the monarchy who could be depended on in an emergency. Serrano and Topete were chiefly courtiers, well enough as subordinates, but not equal to the demands of leadership. The King labored under the disadvantage of not being a Spaniard, and while personally amiable and disposed to give the people a good government, he lacks the rugged energy necessary in so troubled a country as Spain proved to be. There were elements of weakness in his position, too, which he could not possibly overcome. The revolution which dethroned Isabella was understood to be in the interest of a republic, and the best talent of the country was disaffected when the kingdom was set up. This opposition did not assume the form of active hostility, but was parliamentary and rhetorical. The Republicans formed the great body of the moderate opponents of the Ministry in the Cortes. Yet they were careful and prudent. Lovers of their country, they were careful to discriminate between blind hostility to all government measures, and reasonable opposition to such as were peculiarly monarchical. The sympathizers with Don Carlos comprised the rabid, unreasonable element in the legislative body. There was a comparatively kindly feeling toward Amadeus, personally, on the part of Republicans, but they were opposed to the form of government, and hence were an element of weakness in it.

Doubtless the perpetual insurrections gotten up by Don Carlos, were what finally led to the abdication. Of late, the forces of the insurrectionists have achieved considerable success, at various points, and while, under proper leadership, their suppression ought to have been easy, they were but feebly met, and grew in strength. It seems entirely probable that the young King came to Madrid in the belief that he was really desired by the Spanish people, and could administer the affairs of the kingdom without difficulty. He has been perpetually reminded of his error, and has finally yielded, as much because of moral influences, as of the Carlist insurrection. He has done wisely. He is not the man to govern Spain these stormy times. Nor do we think his competitor, Don Carlos, will reap any benefit from his abdication. The Cortes, by a very large majority, has decreed a Republic, and it now remains to be seen whether the Republican leaders have the nerve and ability demanded by the crisis now upon them. Two things may be promised, however, in their favor. They have popular strength with the people, and are clear and thorough in their comprehension of the abstract qualities of a republic. Whether they will be equal to the practical administration of the Government, is the question.

Senor Castellar is, perhaps, the leader of the Republicans. He has lately contributed a series of articles to *Harper's Monthly* on the Republican movement in Europe, and these afford us some insight into his qualities as a man, a thinker and a politician. His speeches, delivered in the Cortes, have been occasionally reported in the New York *Tribune*. Judging from these sources, we assume that he is thoroughly sincere in his devotion to the Republican cause, clear in his views, firm in his opinions, and qualified to prudently administer the government, or to fill the place of Premier. His knowledge of the efforts in behalf of Republicanism, throughout Europe, is both comprehensive and exact, and his sympathy with such men as Kossuth, Mazzini, Garibaldi and others is unhesitatingly announced. Yet he is not blind to their faults and mistakes. He seems to realize the importance of educating popular sentiment, and of not being too far in advance of it, in governmental matters. We refer to Castellar as a type of advanced Spanish Republicans. We do not say the day has come for men like him, but the time cannot be far distant when, if a real Republic is to live in Spain, it will be represented by men of his class. In the meantime we welcome the change, if by it, sound governments are established, wherein the people shall be recognized and represented. Spain has long been in the background among the governments; she may yet be a "light in a dark place."

STATE NEWS.

THE horse disease has again broken out in some portions of Washington county.

Of the $510,008,029 invested in the coal business in this country, Pennsylvania's share is $57,917,703.

COMMANDER JAMES W. SHIRK, who died in Washington City on Monday, the 10th inst., was an Erie boy, and was educated at the Erie Academy.

MEASLES of a malignant type prevail in Claysville and Donegal township, Washington county. A child died in Claysville alone there are over forty cases.

THE Fairview *Reporter* says there is a couple living in Cranberry township who now, in the eleventh year of their married life, are the happy father and mother of twelve children.

ON Wednesday afternoon a boy named Pulaski Reese undertook to get on the train at Dunnings. He slipped and fell under one of the cars, and was so severely injured that he died.

CAPT. JOSEPH C. STACY has been appointed as warden and Dr. W. H. Sturgeon as physician of the Fayette county poor house. The house now contains one hundred and twenty inmates.

THE residence of Mr. Augustus Reppell, in Spring Creek, Warren county, was destroyed by fire with all its contents last Tuesday afternoon. It was thought to have been accidentally set on fire by the hired man.

A LITTLE child of Henry S. Wright, of Lawrenceburg, Clarion county, was recently playing with a little dog, which fell into a tub of hot water, and in attempting to rescue it, the child fell into the tub and was scalded to death.

ON SUNDAY evening last the dwelling on the farm belonging to Thomas Frazier, Esq., in West Finley township, Washington county, about three miles south of West Alexander, was destroyed by fire. Loss about $2,500; no insurance.

RICHARD MCCONKEY, son of David McConkey, of West Chester, committed suicide on Wednesday afternoon last, by drowning himself in the water reservoir. Deceased was about thirty years of age, and afflicted with softening of the brain.

CHARLES DOUGHERTY, a roller boy in the North mill, Phœnixville, was badly burned on Friday of last week, by stepping into a mass of molten metal at the top of a heating furnace. The cinder overflowed his shoe and burnt his foot in a very serious manner.

A YOUNG MAN named William Seymour was killed at the Monitor Colliery, near Scranton, on Tuesday last. A large body of coal fell on him, fracturing the skull and breaking a leg. He was nineteen years of age, and that was the first day he commenced working in the colliery.

A MAN named Price was found dead last Saturday morning on the bluff back of Parker City, at one of S. D. Karns' oil wells. He was fastened in the fly-wheel, and as he was alone at the well, it will never be known what time in the night the accident happened. He was pressed in such a manner that the machinery was stopped.

TUESDAY last, a young man named James Fagan was found under the G. & S. Railroad bridge, at Easton, in an insensible condition, with an arm broken, a deep cut on his face and his left collar bone fractured. He died shortly after being discovered. It is supposed he was knocked off the bridge by a passing train. He was about thirty years of age, a printer by trade, and unmarried.

MISS SARAH BOONE, an aged lady residing with Francis Lee, of Amity township, Berks county, dropped dead on Tuesday last while passing from one neighbor's house to another. It is supposed that her sudden decease resulted from heart affection. Miss Boone was at one time a noted school mistress, having taught school for many years, in her younger days, in the townships of Amity, Oley and Exeter.

ON Monday morning last the steam tannery of Mr. Jno. Wentling, situate in West Indiana, was discovered to be on fire. When the fire was first seen, the flames had made such headway that it was found impossible to save any of the stock on hand, and nothing but the books of the concern and a barrel or two of oil were saved from the devouring element. The loss will amount to about three thousand dollars.

ON Wednesday of last week seventy-four sheep belonging to John Griffiths, of East Finley township, Washington county, were driven off by a man named Charles Smith, who sold them to Mr. McCausland, of West Liberty. The next Saturday he stole a yoke of oxen from Wm. Bushfield, of Valley Grove, and sold them to Benj. Watkins, a farmer residing near St. Clairsville, Ohio, for $125. The thief was arrested at Wellsville, as he was starting for Pittsburgh, and committed to jail.

MR. FRANK FLENNER met with an accident, resulting in his death, while engaged in felling trees near Osceola, Clearfield county, on Thursday morning, February 6th. Mr. F. and three others were engaged in cutting and peeling logs. A tree was chopped off, and as it was about to fall, and in the direction where Flenner was standing, he undertook to run out of the way of the tree, but, failing in the attempt, a limb struck him, and injured him to such an extent as to cause death the same evening.

A CAREFUL estimate has been made of the area of the timber lands of Pennsylvania, and the average yield of lumber per acre, and the alarming conclusion is reached that three years' stocking at the present rate of five million feet per year would entirely exhaust all the pine timber now standing. These statements are made after very careful estimates, and with such endorsements on the part of the most experienced lumbermen in the State, that their truth is beyond doubt.

THERE was a general jail delivery at Lebanon last Friday. Twelve out of the eighteen prisoners confined there took their departure. They broke through the wall in the last cell on one side of the jail, which took them into the yard; they then scaled the wall by means of a rope with a hook on the end, which enabled them to make a kind of ladder of the rope. They had been gone but a few minutes before their escape was known, but they scattered so quickly and shook the prison dust from their shoes so hastily that no trace of the road they had taken could be found. The hole through the wall was made with a common table knife.

ONE hundred and fifty-three men killed, four hundred and sixty-two wounded, is the melancholy record of mining catastrophies last year, in a portion of the anthracite fields of this State. Eighty-four widows and two hundred and eighty-three orphans are the sorrowing sufferers. This list of casualties is as great as the numbers of killed and wounded in some of the memorable battles of the Revolutionary war. The figures refer only to the coal fields of Schuylkill, Columbia, Dauphin and Northumberland counties, and the eastern district of Luzerne. Every 74,000 tons of coal mined in Schuylkill county cost one human life; and every 76,000 tons in Dauphin, 98,000 tons in East Luzerne, and 200,000 in Northumberland, cost one additional human life in each of those counties.

ON Wednesday morning week, when the thermometer was below zero, the *Press* says Ezekial West, aged one hundred and eighteen years, came sleighing into Oxford and after warming himself a while at the hotel, he proceeded to an art gallery for the purpose of having his photograph taken. Ezekial West is of Irish descent, was born in Harford county, Maryland, in March, 1755. He was brought up to out-door pysical labor, never learned any trade or mechanical business, did not marry until a gay young man of between fifty and sixty, that he was the father of fourteen children, four of whom died in a single week from dysentery, and four of whom still survive. About sixty-five years ago he moved to this State, and for many years past has lived with his son-in-law, Mr. Benjamin F. Davis, in New London township, Chester county, about six miles from Oxford.

ON Tuesday week, two men named McCord and Brown, residents of Phœnixville, after visiting the scene of the explosion at Coshocton, crossed to Bridgeport with the intention of getting on an up coal train to Thomas Iron Works. There being no train, they discovered some hot ashes where an engine had drawn the fire, sat down on the track to await the arrival of a train and warm themselves over the fire. Brown remarked that his boot hurt him, said he would take a walk up the track and accordingly started. McCord fell asleep and slumbered until the thundering of an engine and tender down the track roused him just in time to tumble out of the way and save his life; but in doing so he lost his hat, and in hunting around for it he first found the hat of Brown with the upper half of the unfortunate man's head still sticking in it while the rest of the body lay mangled and bleeding some distance off. Whether the head of Wesley Brown was asleep by his side or whether he was struck by the engine while walking on the track,

THE Lancaster *Express* says a singular character known as "Black Phillip," recently died in Berks county, at the age of nearly one hundred years. He died of old age and was alone. It was generally known that he had money saved somewhere, and on Wednesday last several of his nephews received information from a lady in Exeter township, Mrs. Elmira Hill, to the effect that "Black Phillip" had told her that when he died, they should dig behind his cabin, near the foot of a certain tree, where they could find his money. After his death the relatives proceeded to the place indicated, and dug to the depth of three feet and seven inches, when they found a large copper kettle containing 2½ pounds of gold and silver coin, amounting in the aggregate to nearly $2,000. The coin was all of old date; the latest year indicated was 1803. Mexican silverdollars, halves, quarters, old "levies," "fips," copper cents and half cents, gold in tens, fives, two and a half pieces, and ones were also found, but the great bulk of coin were small silver pieces. The money was counted, taken to Homelsdorf, and properly divided among the heirs.

THE *Baltzman's Journal* contains an account of the death of William N. Wrigley, Esq., a citizen of Clearfield county, under most distressing circumstances. Mr. Wrigley had a job of putting in a large lot of logs on Baugher's Run, Centre county. On Thursday evening, the 9th inst., he and one of the hands went to the foot of the slide; and ascertaining that the logs had ceased running, they started on their way toward the head of it to see what was the matter. The slide is about three and a half miles long. After having proceeded some distance, they heard some logs coming, and soon discovered a small one a few rods ahead of them running quite slowly, when they jumped out of the slide, one on each side. As the log got abreast of where Mr. W. stood, in the deep snow, it stopped, but almost instantly a larger one came rushing down at a rapid rate, and striking the small one, knocked the front end of it out over the slide and against Mr. W.'s legs, pinioning him fast in the snow. He at once called to his man to come and remove the log; the man hastily jumped across the slide, and was just in the act of lifting the log when along came a third one at almost lightning speed, and striking the other, jumped out of the slide and struck Mr. W. in the face, smashing his nose and face badly; and now came log after log, each one jumping out of the slide and rolling over and upon Mr. Wrigley, killing him instantly. The deceased was fifty-seven years old, a most worthy citizen, and highly esteemed by all.

RUSSIA has made her financial statement, showing an excess of revenue over disbursements, something very unusual in that country, whereat it is argued that she is preparing for a loan, to further her Asiatic conquests. Of course, English journals are exceedingly bitter over this, and point to the impregnable financial strength of the "tight little isle" with fingers of meaning. An extract from this showing is worthy of notice. It is as follows: That notwithstanding the bad crops of 1872, it was a year of unprecedent prosperity. This may be shown from the revenue, from bank dividends and from the general movement of stocks, and from loans. In 1871 the value of imports was £330,754,359; in 1872, £383,875,740. In 1871 the value of exports was £223,066,162; in 1872, £253,901,060. The total of 1870 was £502,000,000; of 1871, £553,000,000; of 1872, £608,000,000. The increase in 1871 was rather more than 10 per cent. over that 1870, and of 1872 rather less than 10 per cent. over that of the preceding year. In some articles of the trade the figures are almost fabulous. In 1871 there were exported of cotton piece goods 3,417,000,000 yards; in 1862, 3,535,000,000 yards. Foreign customers are supplied with British goods to the amount of £5,000,000, or $25,000,000, per week. This gigantic trade is carried on by vessels having a gross tonnage 17,000,000, of which 13,141,269 are the property of British owners."

COMMODORE JAMES W. SHIRK, United States Navy, a brave and faithful officer, died recently in Washington, at the age of forty-one. The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the Naval Academy. During the war of the rebellion he was engaged in active service, mainly on the Mississippi and other Southern rivers. He was commissioned Lieutenant Commander July 16, 1862, and commanded the iron-clad Tuscumbia and a division of the Mississippi squadron of 1863 and 1864. He was detailed to the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, and was commissioned Commander July 25, 1866. He served in the Franklin, of the European squadron, in 1867-68, and was assigned to special duty at the War Department in 1869, where he continued until his death.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

A FARMER in Indiana died recently from the bite of a calf.

THE British East Indian possessions have a population of 241,287,000.

A WESTERN jury returned a verdict of "death by hanging round a rum shop."

A SICK horse is said to be like a bad play, because it can't run and won't draw.

AN Omaha bride was married barefoot because her lover's kinsfolks dressed that way, and she did not wish to seem proud.

A YOUNG gentleman of 26 recently married a lady of 42, in Minnesota, and now sues for a divorce because she "chastises him."

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WE are in receipt of a copy of the new charter proposed for the city. We will take occasion, within a few days, to make a careful review of its contents.

THE adoption by the House of General Butler's bill for the distribution of the Geneva award, will, provided the Senate ratify the action of the House, cut off the insurance companies, and probably save the Government, at least, $5,000,000 of money. We have already stated our faith in the justice of this bill.

IN another column we give an editorial synopsis of the report of the Committee on Commerce relative to internal communication between different sections of the country. We have also at hand the masterly speech delivered by General Negley in the House on the same subject. Were our columns not so entirely occupied, we would give in this issue several excerpts from this address, and will hereafter advert to such of his facts and arguments as are not included in the report of the Committee.

THE Senate Committee in Caldwell's case have concluded to let him down easy. He was merely "illegally elected," a decision which saves him from expulsion, and permits him to go again before the legislature for legal election. The bribery was proved,—but he was a lamb at the business, and was adjudged the victim of a false education. It remains now to be seen whether those paid for voting for him once, will, without further financial persuasion, vote for him again.

IT REALLY seems as though Philadelphia need not be nervously anxious over the question of means for the Centennial celebration. Philadelphia has contributed nearly $2,000,000 through her various organizations, and this is certainly enough to start with. The *Press* reported $1,700,000 several days ago, and since reports $100,000 from the horse railroad companies. As the time draws near, popular interest will increase, and with it, subscriptions will be more abundant. It is too early yet for Philadelphia to be nervous.

WE sincerely hope the intimations contained in our local report, that the difficulty between the people of Beaver Falls, and the proprietors of the Cutlery Works, is likely to be amicably adjusted. This accords with our views of the case, and is not only wise, but the only feasible method of solving the trouble. The Economites are, we believe, a fair minded people, and if they have unwittingly done injustice to working classes at Beaver Falls, we believe they will be disposed to remedy it. At all events, it was entirely wise to candidly and pleasantly call their attention to the subject, and thus seek to remedy the wrong in an amicable manner.

REPRESENTATIVE COGHLIN, of California, is about to introduce a bill in Congress, which, it is hoped, will entirely remedy the difficulties experienced on account of Chinese labor. It is more stringent than any other bill. It provides that any contract for labor made in any foreign country for more than one year, shall be regarded as a contract for servile labor, and the contractor shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. This fixes the penalty just where it should fall,—on the capitalist. The present session of Congress is, however, too near its close to admit of anything being done.

THE *Dispatch*, finding it inconvenient to further defend its foolish attitude relative to the new charter, seeks to skulk out of its false position by making a personal attack on Mr. Long, formerly connected with the GAZETTE, and by a false statement in regard to the GAZETTE itself. Mr. Long did not write the strictures that seem to have hurt the *Dispatch* so badly. If he had written them, it would be exceedingly unmanly and mean in the *Dispatch* editors to go behind the impersonality of a journal, to attack an individual. Yet we suppose that nothing better can be looked for from the *Dispatch*. The GAZETTE has not "recanted" in reference to the new charter, having nothing to recant, and the assertion that it did, constitutes a very small hole for the *Dispatch* to crawl through, out of its foolish difficulty.

IF the exceptions of the counsel of Lynch, convicted of murder a few weeks ago, in this city, are valid, and they are accounted worthy a hearing by the Supreme Court, there has been very culpable looseness in conducting the criminal business of this county. It is claimed that the Grand Jury which found the indictment was illegally drawn, the traverse jury wrongly selected; that he was tried in a Court which has no legal existence, and that the proceedings of the trial were inaccurate in several particulars. The last item is comparatively trivial, but those relating to the juries and the Court, while technical, indicate a culpable carelessness or ignorance somewhere, if they shall prove to be well founded. While the Grand Jury that indicted and the jury that tried Lynch may have been composed of as careful and intelligent persons as can be selected, it still is true that the proper legal forms should be observed. Of course, it does not follow that because the exceptions are set down for argument, that therefore they will be allowed; nor that, if found to be technically correct, they will be allowed to interfere with the verdict; yet the fact that such exceptions are taken seems to point to a looseness in the practice of our Courts that ought to be swiftly remedied. At all events, the working up of these items has served to prolong Lynch's life, perhaps a year.

COL. D. L. EATON.

The many friends of Col. D. L. Eaton, in this city, will be pained to know he closed his life at his home in Washington, D. C., Sunday, the 16th inst. A letter from his most estimable lady, received only the day before, informed us that he had been confined to his house since the early part of November, but was then better. But a letter just received from Col. Eaton's intimate friend, General Howard, conveys the painful intelligence that the hope was delusive. Last Summer he spent in Maine, and returned in the early part of Autumn to Washington, improved, as he thought, in health, to enter upon his new duties as Cashier of the First National Bank. He was soon, however, laid aside from labor.

Colonel Eaton was born in Perry, Maine, about 1826. He fitted for College in Yarmouth of that State, and graduated with honor in Bowdoin College. After teaching two years he studied law in Portland, under Judge Shepley, now of the United States Circuit Court. He then came west and soon settled in this city, where he was for some time one of the editors and proprietors of this paper, and subsequently was connected with the *Commercial Journal*.

On the breaking out of the rebellion he entered the army as paymaster, and continued to serve until its close. At the termination of the war he settled in Washington, and was one of the most efficient officers of the Freedman's Bank. He was justly and highly esteemed in that city, being a Trustee of Howard University, a member of the Council, and a most efficient member of the Congregational Church in that city. Twice he was appointed by the President Councilor. Although in feeble health, he took an active part in the affairs of his adopted city, as his able speech in behalf of generous improvements, and his elaborate report on the importance of and advantages for manufactories there, fully show.

He was a modest, unobtrusive man, making no pretentions to anything he was not. He was honest above suspicion, generous, despising all meanness. He was a warm friend, a kind and affectionate husband and father, a sincere and earnest Christian. He was an excellent scholar, an easy and brilliant writer and speaker. He has left a most estimable wife and a son and daughter.

We cannot do better than to add the closing part of Gen. Howard's letter to a friend in this city:

"It is 25 years since you met him and me at Yarmouth. How noble he was at 19 and 20, as a student—square, honest, frank; able as a speaker, temperate as a leader. His later life had all the virtues of his earlier, with Christian graces superadded. His failing health crippled him, yet he has had a complete life, and is now at home with God. His wife is greatly afflicted, but full of Christian hope; his little ones sob aloud, but they count on seeing him again. Death hath no sting, no real sting, because God giveth the victory through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

OUR INLAND COMMERCE.

We have called attention to the importance of the proposed development of the internal commerce of the country, by means of a series of canals, connecting the navigable waters of the interior with those of the seaboard, and hoped Congress would be able to mature legislation on the subject, during its present session. This hope is partially disappointed. We are in receipt of an elaborate report of the House Committee on Commerce, stating its inability to mature bills on this subject, but reports back the original bill referred to it, and a special bill providing for the appointment of a board of Commissioners of Commerce, recommending its passage. The object of this is, to have the Commission gather up facts and statistics, by means of which the subject may be more intelligently considered hereafter.

The comprehensive nature of the work of internal improvement suggested may be readily seen when we consider the number and importance of the bills before the Committee. These included one for the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls, on the American side; the Ohio River Improvement; the James River and Kanawha canal; and the Atlantic and Great Western canal. The Committee, while affirming that it was deficient in information presents, in its report, a mass of facts not only interesting, but highly important. The importance of the Niagara ship canal is briefly, but very strongly stated:

"It is no less than whether we, as a whole nation and people, shall continue to expand and increase in population, prosperity and wealth, or whether, by a parsimonious policy, we shall hamper, cripple and blight one of the most important industries of the whole country; indeed, the one upon which all others are dependent, to wit: its agricultural interest. It needs no argument to prove that upon the development and prosperity and industry depends the prosperity and development of all others, and therefore we shall offer none."

The States of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakotah Territory, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan cluster around or are close to the northern lakes, which will be tapped by this canal. The six principal staples of these States, for the year 1872, reach the vast sum of $705,168,624; and in 1880, it is estimated, these will reach $1,743,482,677. This vast quantity of staples, consisting of wheat, corn, hogs, cattle, sheep, and wool, are, to a very large extent, withheld from its general market, because of the lack of transportation.

The proposed length of this canal is a trifle more than seven miles, and its estimated cost, just after the war, when labor and materials were high, $12,095,438. If made equal to the navigable capacity of the lakes, the committee contend that it will relieve western farmers of the oppressive extortions of those who control the grain elevators at Buffalo, and of the New York canals. It is contended, also, that the benefit will accrue to the lumber trade of the lakes, to the iron, copper and silver ore interests of Lake Superior, and the coal and iron interests of this State. Also, that several new industries will be developed. In the saving on tonnage alone, $10,000,000 will be annually realized to the West and Northwest. But, most important of all, the *balance of trade with Europe could, by means of this canal, be turned in our favor.* At the present time England imports 160,000,000 bushels of wheat, and half as much more of other grain, and Europe imports 500,000,000 bushels. These are brought from the Baltic and Black Sea provinces at from thirty-five to forty-five cents per bushel for transportation. With this canal open, we can supply the demand at a cost of thirty cents or less. Now, $1,000,000,000 of our bonds are held in Europe. The balance of trade, and various forms of interest, call for the exportation, yearly, of $200,000,000 in specie—this heavy drain preventing specie payments. Let this demand be supplied in breadstuffs, and the whole is changed.

Relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio River, the Committee pertinently says: "Through a remarkable combination of physical circumstances this channel presents geographical and commercial advantages so eminently conducive to the prosperity and wealth of the whole country as to make its improvement a question of sweeping nationality. It is a material part of the grand system of continuous water transit from the headwaters of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, and the main thoroughfare for the proposed canals through the interior of Virginia, traversing the great Apalachian coal-field, and almost boundless deposits of iron, to Hampton Roads on the sea, and via the Tennessee, Coosa and Ocmulgee rivers, threading the rich mineral and cotton districts of Georgia to the harbor of Altamaha sound on the Atlantic ocean." Sixteen States are affected by the navigation of the Ohio. It is a national highway, governed by national authority. It promotes very many national interests by facilitating intercourse, aids commerce, contributes to the operations of war, enhances the resources of the nation, develops the producing agencies of every branch of trade, and exchanges the gifts of nature for those of the arts and sciences. Several of the arguments applicable to the Niagara canal, refer, with equal force, to the question of navigating the Ohio river. The ease with which the work of improvement can be accomplished, call for its speedy beginning.

The James River and Kanawha Canal,—the central water line, is designed to connect the capacious roadsteads at the mouth of the Chesepeake Bay with the James, Kanawha and Ohio rivers, thus forming an almost straight line across the continent to the Mississippi basin. This line from the mouth of the Ohio, to Hampton Roads, is 1,133 miles in length. This will furnish a shorter water route to New York, than the routes of which the Erie canal is a part, and drain an entirely different region of country, besides being open through the entire year, while the Erie canal is closed during five very important months, each year. It will also bring the wheat crop of Mississippi within shipping reach of Europe. The advantage both to the East and the West, in the cheapening of freight, is a very strong consideration,—the estimate being that it will save $50,000,000 a year to the west, and cheapen food very materially at the east.

No question exists as to the feasibility of the work. Four years of time, and $48,000,000 are the estimates,—while on a basis of 7,000,000 of through tonnage it is claimed that $1,000,000 can be set apart for repairs annually,—four and a half per cent. interest paid on the bonds, and three and three quarter millions set aside annually as a sinking fund. As considerations in behalf of the Government assuming the work, Virginia and West Virginia propose to relinquish their interest, which is $7,400,000 of preferred stock, representing money actually expended in prosecuting the work to Buchanan. There is a debt, however, of $1,600,000, which, it is understood, can be liquidated at a less sum.

The Atlantic and Great Western canal is designed to connect the Coosa, Etowah and Ocmulgee rivers, the Tennessee river at Gantersville, Alabama, with the Atlantic at Savannah, Georgia. It is of less importance than either of the projects already mentioned, but as completing a series of internal improvements, is of great value. We have confined ourselves to a mere sketch of the plans proposed, and the arguments used in their support. Their importance will justify further mention at another time.

THE CHINESE LABOR QUESTION.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

You seem to be editorially exercised over the "Heathen Chinee" question. I think you are correct in your explanation of the law of this case. That while it is lawful for the Chinese as for the Irish or Teuton to leave his own country and adopt this, it is not lawful for our citizens to import from any foreign country laborers under labor contracts. This, as you say, would be a species of slavery, against which American law and American sentiment are equally protestant. But is it not true that the very men who make the most noise about the Chinese are themselves to blame for their advent among us? I mean the Irish, Welsh and English, and to some extent also the American mechanics and laboring men, coal miners, mill hands, and all classes of work people, have by their combinations, leagues and unions sought to reduce hours and advance wages to such an extent that mills and mines and most kinds of business employing capital are from time to time suspended because it is found impossible to submit to the increased expenses without positive loss. Just now a movement is on foot for a strike by the coal diggers for five cents per bushel, which is two cents more than I paid for coal delivered at my door when I commenced housekeeping, in 1833. How is it possible for this country to supply its manufactures to other countries if we pay double as much for eight hours' labor as England pays for ten or twelve hours'. In such circumstances all the markets we can hope to supply would be the home market, and even that can only be held by imposing high protective tariffs. Capital naturally withdraws itself from remunerative employment, and the combinations for short hours and high wages are driving capital away from mills and factories to engage in banking or other uses.

The Beaver Falls Cutlery Company, if I am rightly informed, after investing a very large sum in buildings and machinery, and running their works for a year or two with such hands as were here, at the wages they demanded, found it had lost about $60,000. It was at once apparent that unless the cost of making cutlery could be reduced, the works must stop and a large loss be incurred. The alternative was cheaper labor, and the experiment is being made with Chinese labor. The proprietors could not raise the price of cutlery, and therefore are trying to reduce the cost of its manufacture. Should they be blamed for this? The life of their enterprise depends on it. Let the mechanics and laboring men see to it that they don't overdo the business of short hours and high wages. They ought to be paid good wages for reasonable hours. If they don't content themselves with this, the people will demand that strict laws be passed to encourage the immigration of people who will be content with fair equivalents for work. There may be such a tyranny in the leagues and combinations as will compel the country to abolish them off. It will be their own fault if, by their excesses, they bring this about. They ask for laws making eight hours a day's work, and then strike for higher wages. They say they want time for improving their minds. Where are the libraries or lyceums they have founded? Where do they go instead? Thousands of them are spending their leisure and their wages at the saloons of dissipation. Of a Saturday evening, in this city, there is not one of them at the library or lecture-room, but crowds of them in the haunts of demoralizing, amusement, or intemperance. Better, far, for them and for the country to combine with the capital of the country to make themselves and the country prosperous and happy. The man who labors at a useful calling deserves liberal wages, such as will enable him to raise and educate his family and acquire a freehold; but not such as is fatal to his employer and to the general welfare.

JUSTICE.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHICAGO boasts nearly 3,000 bar-rooms.

THE police arrested 405 persons in New York last week.

KANSAS has 25,000,000 acres of land awaiting settlers.

THERE are nearly 118,422 farms in Kentucky, containing 168 acres each.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS from the West are very abundant and cheap in Eastern markets.

A YOUTH of seventeen was married to a woman of fifty, at Bagdad, Kentucky, recently.

THERE were 551 deaths, 467 births, 159 marriages and 51 still-births in New York last week.

IT is estimated that the profits for the last ten years on the sewing machines manufactured in this country amount to $200,000,000.

THE Duluth *Herald* claims that there are more iron safes in that city, and less money in them, than in any other city of similar size in the Union.

THE census of Brazil is completed. The population is ten millions, including nearly two million slaves and two hundred and fifty thousand aborigines.

AT Sandusky, Ohio, recently, the wife of a saloon keeper completely routed a party of quarrelsome roughs by throwing cayenne pepper over them.

SOME scoundrels at New York city, with the most evil designs in view, are mailing lithographed letters all over the Northwest to respectable girls, offering them high salaries to come to New York and study for the stage.

THE Paris *Kentuckian* tells of a monster mink skin, measuring four feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The skin itself measures two feet two inches in length. The animal was trapped on Slate Creek, in Montgomery county.

A NEWFOUNDLAND dog, not long since, placed himself between his master's child and the open grate toward which it was crawling in Nashua, N. H., and remained there, though scorched and blistered, until persons came into the room and rescued the child.

A GERMAN preacher near Dayton, who objects to his congregation chewing tobacco in church, requested them to leave their "cuds" out of doors on a flat rail, in a fence corner, under the steps—anywhere, for there would be no danger of the birds, geese, hogs, or anything eating it or carrying it away.

THOUSANDS of acres of land in Michigan are covered with a growth of sweet fern, which has hitherto been supposed to be worthless, but it has been found that for tanning purposes it is unequalled, and that it yields forty per cent. extract, while hemlock yields but fourteen. It promises to be very valuable.

AN English newspaper, speaking of the large amount of coal imported from the United States into the United Kingdom, thinks it probable that eventually a system of iron steam colliers of large tonnage will carry United States coal to all parts of the world. Some vessels now loading for the export trade have a capacity of 4,000 tons.

A HORRIBLE SCENE took place at Waterford, Ireland, a week or two ago. Some neighbors sat up to hold a wake over a corpse, and when the house was entered in the morning the occupants were found lying beside the coffin in a beastly state of intoxication. What added to the unpleasant nature of the scene was that the corpse was in a state of putrefaction.

THE French Government has just given an order for 1,200 small wooden houses destined for the penitentiary colony of New Caledonia. These buildings, which may be set up and taken to pieces with the greatest facility, are composed each of two rooms—one for the habitation of the colonist, and the other to serve as a workshop. Each costs the State about 200 francs.

"WEARING of the green" may be rather dangerous, even in a ball-room. A lady in London was recently conveyed from the gay and festive scene prostrated by exhalations from the beautiful green robe which she wore. The most powerful antidotes failed to recover the fair one; but when a friend kneeled and whispered to her that "her false hair was coming off," she recovered instantly.

THE *Appeal* tells of a Memphis lady who wrote to a New York matrimonial agent for a husband. The agent transferred the letter to a crusty old bachelor, who, in replying to it, accidentally substituted for his own photograph that of a pet ourang-outang. The lady answered: "There is certainly not much personal beauty about you, but you appear to have an honest, manly face. I accept."

PERSONAL.

OVER two hundred priests in full canonicals attended the funeral of Rev. Father Starr.

THURLOW WEED is writing his recollections of the late Horace Greeley and his times.

MRS. MEADE, widow of General George G. Meade, is visiting relatives in Belleville, Illinois.

EX-SENATOR ROBERT M. T. HUNTER has a poor farm on the Rappahannock river in the tide-water part of Virginia.

MOSES H. GRINNELL lately left Nice to continue his tour of the world. He will return home by way of San Francisco.

GEN. FREMONT, who is now in this country, denies that a suit has been commenced against him in Paris, as reported.

THE ex-Queen Isabella of Spain met her husband for the first time in several years at the late funeral of the Duke de San Ricardo in Paris.

THE next English celebrity to visit our shores will probably be Toole, the London comedian, who is said to possess the power to make a cat laugh.

ROBERT TYLER, ex-clerk of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and son of President John Tyler, is editor of the *Advertiser*, the Democratic State organ at Montgomery, Ala.

MISS A. A. HEUSS has filed a petition, at St. Louis, against Edward O'Neil, in which she claims $10,000 as damages for a failure on his part to keep his promise of marriage.

MAJOR GENERAL JOS. WHEELER, commander of Wheeler's celebrated Confederate cavalry and a West Pointer, has married a rich lady in Northern Alabama, and lives at his ease.

MAJOR GENERAL IRVIN MCDOWAL, commander of the Military Division of the South, is on a visit to New Orleans, where he will remain a few days, and then leave for a visit to Florida posts.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE has written an interesting letter to the *London Athenæum* about George Keats, brother of the poet, who settled in Kentucky, and whose widow is still living in Louisville.

QUEEN VICTORIA is making extensive alterations and improvements in the royal palaces, and it is understood that during the coming season she will be more frequently seen in public than at any time since the death of the Prince Consort.

DR. LAS VIGNES, a French physician of Virginia City, Nev., and a pioneer of California, while mixing himself a customary drink in a drug store, the other morning, by mistake substituted aconite for bitters, and died in a few hours.

M. THIERS is having a difficulty with an Englishman named Bowles, who got possession of his manuscripts, &c., during the Communist insurrection. Bowles sent the documents to England, where he now has them waiting for M. Thiers to purchase them at an enormous price.

THE Rev. Dr. Goddard states that Napoleon, when a boy, one day came home to his mother without shoes. His mother said to him, "Louis, what have you done with your shoes?" and he answered, "Mother, I met a poor beggar boy; he had no shoes, so I gave him mine." Goddard evidently does not read the American rural press.

THE last words of McNulty, who was hanged last Friday, at Peoria, Ill., should be added to the collection. The Sheriff was arranging the rope around his neck, and asked the doomed man: Isn't that a little too tight?" McNulty said: "It is a little too tight." The Sheriff was trying to loosen it a little, when McNulty said: "Never mind, Sheriff, it will be tighter than that in less than half a minute." So saying, he shot through the trap.

PROPOSALS FOR POSTAL CARDS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 22, 1873.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until THURSDAY, the 27th day of February, 1873, for furnishing United States Postal Cards for, and during a period, of four years, commencing on the 1st day of May, 1873.

SIZE AND QUALITY OF CARD.

The Cards will be three by five and one-eighth (3x5⅛) inches in size, made from "bond paper" stock, (cotton and linen mixed,) tub-sized, the fibre beaten out long, worked together in a solid sheet without pasting, and suitably calendered on both sides for printing and writing in ink or pencil. The card-board must weigh six (6) pounds per thousand (1,000) cards, and each card, at the option of the Postmaster General, must bear a water-mark from water-mark rolls to be furnished by the Government.

PRINTING, DIES, PLATES, ETC.

The cards will be surface-printed on one side only, from hardened steel plates made from a die, the property of the Government. Two forms of plates for thirty-six (36) cards each will be furnished to the contractor, mounted to the height of ordinary printing type on metal blocks, spaced accurately, to cut the size of the cards, ready for the press; said plates to be kept in repair and renewed at the cost of the contractor.

The Department reserves the right to cause the design, die, rolls, plates, color, and watermark of the card to be changed whenever the public interest may be subserved thereby; and to require, when necessary, new dies, die-rolls, plates, colors, and water-marks, equal in every respect to those supplied by the Government, to be furnished within a reasonable time, of the contractor's cost, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General. And it is expressly understood that all dies, rolls, plates and water-mark rolls, made or used at any time during the existence of the contract, shall be the absolute property of the United States, and shall be delivered in good working order to the Postmaster General, or his authorized agent, whenever demanded.

NUMBER OF CARDS FIRST YEAR.

The estimated number of cards required for the first year is one hundred million, (100,000,000) but the contractor must furnish all that may be called for without reference to this estimate, be the same more or less.

BUILDING SECURITY FROM FIRE AND THEFT.

The cards will be required to be manufactured in a fire proof building, and in separate apartments, distinct from those in which any other work is done by the contractor; and when finished must be placed in a fire and burglar proof safe or vault, to be specially provided for that purpose, and said apartments and safe or vault shall, at all times, be subject to the inspection of an agent of the Department.

PACKING.

The cards must be banded in parcels of twenty-five (25) and packed in strong pasteboard or straw boxes, securely bound on the edges and corners with cotton or linen cloth glued on; each box to contain not less than five hundred cards; the boxes to be wrapped and securely fastened in strong manilla paper and sealed so as to safely bear transportation by mail for delivery to postmasters. When four thousand (4,000) or more cards are required to fill the order of a postmaster, the pasteboard or straw boxes containing the same must be packed in strong wooden cases, well strapped with hoop iron. Said cases and packages shall be addressed by the contractor under the direction of an agent of the Department. Wooden cases containing the cards, to be transported by water-routes, must be provided with suitable water-proofing.

DELIVERY.

At the time the contract takes effect the contractor shall have on hand ready for delivery, not less than five million (5,000,000) cards, and shall, from and after that date, deliver with all reasonable dispatch, packed, addressed, and labeled as aforesaid, such quantities as may be required to fill the daily orders of postmasters; the deliveries to be made either at the Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., or at the postoffice in the city or town where the contractor does business; the place of delivery to be at the option of the Postmaster General; the cost of delivery, as well as all expenses of packing, water-proofing, storing, addressing, and labeling, to be paid by the contractor.

The Department shall have the right to require of the contractor, at the expiration of the contract, or at any time during its existence, to furnish an extra quantity of cards not exceeding a supply for three (3) months.

INSPECTION—AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

An agent of the Department will have supervision of the manufacture, storage, and issue of the cards, who shall at all times have full and free access to the apartments, safes, and vaults where the cards are manufactured and stored, for the purpose of inspecting the same, and whose duty it will be to require the stipulations of the contract to be faithfully observed; and the contractor shall furnish him and his clerks suitable office and desk room at the place of manufacture, for the transaction of the business of his agency, without cost to the United States.

The contractor, his employes, and agents shall conform to such regulations as the Department may from time to time adopt for the security of the Government.

REPORTS.

The contractor will be required to report weekly, under oath, the number of cards manufactured, (finished, unfinished, and spoiled,) the number issued during the week, and the number available for issue; all spoiled cards to be destroyed by the contractor in the presence of the agent of the Department.

BLANKS.

In addition, the contractor will be required to furnish labels, and direct the same for each package in accordance with the daily lists furnished by the agent of the Department; together with all other blanks required to be inclosed with the cards; also all blanks for daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly returns relating to the number of cards furnished, and stock on hand or in process of manufacture.

CONTRACT NOT ASSIGNABLE.

The contract cannot, in any case, be lawfully transferred or assigned.

RESERVATIONS.

The Postmaster General reserves the right to reject any and all bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Government require it; also the right to annul the contract, if, in his opinion, there shall be a failure at any time to perform faithfully any of its stipulations, or, in case of a willful attempt to impose upon the Department cards inferior to the sample furnished to the bidder by the Department.

PAYMENTS.

Payments for cards actually issued and delivered will be made quarterly, after proper examination and adjustment of accounts.

AWARD—AGREEMENT—BONDS.

Within ten days after the contract has been awarded, the successful bidder shall enter into an agreement, in writing, with the Postmaster General to faithfully observe and keep the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in this advertisement, according to their true intent and meaning, and shall make, execute, and deliver, subject to the approval and acceptance of the Postmaster General, bonds, with good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, ($100,000,) as a forfeiture, for the faithful performance of said agreement or contract, according to the provisions and subject to the liabilities of the seventeenth section of an act of Congress, entitled "An act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the Departments and offices of the Government, and for other purposes," (United States Statutes at Large, volume 5, page 526,) approved August 26, 1842, which act provides that in case the contract shall fail to comply with the terms of his contract he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States to any court having jurisdiction thereof.

If the contractor to whom the first award may be made should fail to enter into agreement and give satisfactory bonds, as herein provided, then the award may be annulled and the contract let to the next lowest responsible bidder, and so on until the required agreement and bonds are executed; and such next lowest bidder shall be required to fulfill every stipulation embraced herein, as if he were the original party to whom the contract was awarded.

The agreement will also provide, that, if at any time during the continuance of the contract the sureties shall die, or become irresponsible for the entire penalty of the bond, the Postmaster General shall have the right to require a new bond, with additional and sufficient sureties, which the contractor shall furnish, to the acceptance of the Postmaster General within ten days after notice, and in default thereof the contract may be annulled.

EXTENSION.

Should the interest of the Government require, this contract may be extended beyond the time named, not exceeding three months, by order of the Postmaster General, and the contract prices and all conditions herein set forth shall govern in such extended contract.

SPECIMENS AND FORMS OF BID.

Specimens of the printed card and card-board, (without the water-mark, which is not yet completed,) together with blank forms for bids, may be had on application to the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

GUARANTEE—PROPOSALS.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a satisfactory guarantee, signed by at least two responsible parties.

Bidders must state in their proposals the price per thousand cards, including everything required to be done or furnished, as set forth in this advertisement; and all proposals must be made upon the blank forms furnished by the Department, securely enveloped and sealed, marked "Proposals for Postal Cards," and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

JOHN A. J. CRESWELL,
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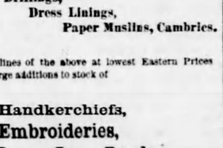
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HARRISBURG.

Geary's Remains Viewed by Twelve Thousand People.

IMPOSING FUNERAL CEREMONIES YESTERDAY.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, February 13, 1873.

The remains of ex-Governor Geary remained in the hall of the House of Representatives last night until nine o'clock, when they were removed to his residence. From half-past three until nine, there was a constant stream of people passing through the hall, with the exception of the interval between six and seven, when it slackened off. It is computed by those who kept count that between eleven and twelve thousand persons viewed the remains. They represented every condition of life, rich and poor, old and young, black and white.

IN THE CHURCH.

There was a heavy fall of snow last night, but this morning the weather cleared off and the day promised well for the out-door ceremonies. A large number of visitors arrived in Harrisburg by the night and morning trains, including delegations of Knights Templars and detachments of the National Guard. The Legislature met at ten o'clock, when the Joint Committee and pall bearers left the capitol to escort the remains to the First Presbyterian church, in Market square. After their return, at a quarter to eleven, the Legislative bodies, headed by their respective presiding officers, marched to the church, and were seated on one side, leaving the middle row of seats, fronting the altar, for the family relatives and friends of the deceased. The Knights Templars and citizens had seats in the rear of the church. A military guard on the outside of the building kept back the crowd, and enabled the programme of arrangements to be easily and orderly carried out.

The floral decorations in the church, about the chancel, were exquisitely beautiful, comprising a great profusion of lilies, japonicas, and camellas arranged in the form of crosses, anchors stars and hearts. On the left of the pulpit was a broken column of white japonicas and a vase of lillies, and on the right a floral combination of an anchor, heart and cross surmounted by a crown. From the reading desk a black cloth was suspended, above the casket, on which was inscribed the words "PEACEFULLY REST," circling the cipher "G."

After the family and relatives of the ex-Governor had been seated, the services commenced with the singing of the dirge "Lay him Low," by Mrs Briggs, with the organ accompaniment. It was beautifully rendered in effect. The dirge was written by George H. Boker, of Philadelphia, and dedicated to Mrs. General Kearney, of New Jersey, whose husband was killed at Chantilly, in Pope's disastrous campaign. It is as follows:

LAY HIM LOW.

Close his eyes; his work is done;
What to him is friend or foeman,
Rise of moon, or set of sun,
Hand of man, or love of woman.
What to him is friend or foeman,
Rise of moon or set of sun?
Lay him low! Lay him low!

Leave him to God's watching eye,
Trust him to the hand that made him;
Mortal love weeps idly by;
God alone has power to aid him.
Trust him to the hand that made him;
Mortal love weeps idly by.
Lay him low! lay him low!

The invocation by Rev. Mr. Robinson followed, after which Rev. W. J. Stevenson read the ninety-first Psalm.

At the conclusion of the religious services, the Sir Knights deputed to act as pall bearers conveyed the remains to the hearse, the bands playing a dirge and the military presenting arms.

THE MARCH TO THE GRAVE.

The procession then formed in the manner indicated by the Chief Marshal in his published order. First came ten companies of the Pennsylvania National Guard, under the command of General Thomas J. Jordan. The staff of the deceased in the late war followed. Then the association of the 28th and 147th regiments Pennsylvania volunteers, and Knap's battery, under command of General Tyndale. The hearse, under the escort of Pilgrim Commandery Knights Templars, with commanderies from York, Lebanon, Greensburg, Scranton and Columbia followed. This part of the display was very fine and attracted much attention. The hearse was draped with the flag of the Second Pennsylvania regiment in the Mexican war, and drawn by four black horses. After the Templars came the family and relatives of the deceased. Ex Governor Bigler and family, Governor Hartranft and lady, the heads of departments, the Executive Committee of the Union League of America, a Committee from the Constitutional Convention, and the two branches of the Legislature followed. Then the judiciary, the city authorities of Harrisburg and various civic associations.

The display was very fine, and the admirable arrangements of the Chief Marshal and the committees prevented any jar or confusion. The procession took its way through the principal streets, and in front of the Capitol to the cemetery, the bells tolling and the minute guns sounding. The sun shone brightly, and the air was keen and bracing; the stores and places of business were all closed, and many of the prominent buildings draped in mourning. The side-walks were crowded with people, as well as the windows of houses on the line of the procession. Arrived at the grave the beautiful ritual of the "Brethren of the Mystic Tie" was gone through, and the grave closed over all that is mortal of John W. Geary. A salute was fired over the grave by a military company. Throughout, the proceedings were in good taste, touching, solemn and impressive. The bearing of the people showed a general appreciation of what was due to the occasion, and evinced a sincere respect for the memory of the ex-Governor.

HARRISBURG, February 14, 1873.

EX-GOV. GEARY—A POST MORTEM EXAMINATION.

There is hardly any thing to be added to what has already been published in regard to the circumstances of the death of ex-Governor Geary. He returned from a visit to New York on Friday, and talked to his friends on that evening of going to the funeral of a friend at Lewiston on Saturday. At breakfast, while engaged in pleasant converse with his family, he was stricken dead. There was no warning, no parting word. Yesterday a consultation of physicians in this city participated in a *post mortem* examination of the body, which was conducted by Dr. Goodwiner, formerly surgeon of a regiment in General Geary's command. It was made at the request of the family and friends, to ascertain if the cause of his sudden death. Neither the brain nor the heart showed any sign of having been affected; the conclusion reached was that he died from syncope, which signifies fainting or swooning, or a cessation or interruption of the motion of the heart and of respiration, accompanied with a suspension of the action of the brain, and a temporary loss of sensation, volition and other faculties. Syncope, the physicians say, was caused by nervous prostration, the result of overwork and malarial cachexia—disordered condition of the system.

Governor Geary's brain was large, weighing 56½ ounces. The maximum weight of the adult male brain is about 54 ounces, and the minimum 34. ARCTIC.

Legislative Proceedings.

At 7½ o'clock the House met pursuant to adjournment, and took up the private calendar. The following western bills were passed:

No. 195. An act to prevent cattle, horses, sheep, goats and swine from running at large in Pine Grove township, Warren county.

No. 198. An act to authorize the School Directors of Emlenton, Venango county, to borrow money, issue bonds and pay the same.

No. 200. An act to legalize the assessment made by the School Directors of Manor township, Armstrong county, to pay costs in certain cases.

No. 201. Supplement to an act authorizing the School Directors of Pleasantville, Venango county, to borrow money.

No. 203. An act conferring additional privileges on the Johnstown Savings Bank.

No. 214. An act to establish a ferry over the Allegheny river at Kosston, in Armstrong county.

Senate. No. 66. An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Bridge Company.

Senate. No. 26. An act to incorporate the Venango Bridge Company at Oil City.

No. 226. An act relating to road and bridge viewers in Cambria county.

No. 230. An act to annul the marriage contract between Jackson Walter and Lucy A., his wife.

No. 231. An act to annul the marriage contract between Edmund J. O'Neil and Margaret O'Neil, his wife.

No. 232. An act to annul the marriage contract between Lillie S. Evans and Charles H. Evans.

No. 234. An act to change the name of Bloody Run in the county of Bedford to that of Everette.

No. 235. An act to incorporate the Elinboro Savings Bank in the county of Erie.

No. 238. An act to legalize provision heretofore made in mortgages of married women in the county of Washington.

Senate, No. 47. An act to authorize the holding of special courts in Fayette county.

No. 242. An act to repeal "an act" for the better and more impartial election of persons to serve as jurors in this commonwealth, so far as relates to the county of Allegheny.

No. 245. An act to cure the mistake of misnomers in Sheriff's deeds in the county of Washington.

Senate. No. 246. An act for the relief of William Kelly, a soldier of the war of 1812

No. 247. Supplement to an act granting a pension to Jacob Hurst.

No. 254. An act to authorize the city of Titusville to issue bonds.

No. 261. An act to establish the location of streets in the borough of Millville, in Cambria county.

No. 312. Supplement to an act to incorporate the borough of New Wilmington, in Lawrence county.

No. 315. A supplement to an act relating to livery stable keepers in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, extending the same to Butler county.

No. 318. A supplement to an act authorizing the improvement of creeks and rivulets in the county of Cambria.

No. 320. An act relating to the liens of mechanics, material, men and laborers in the county of Butler.

No. 323. An act to provide for the redemption of certain bonds issued by the commissioners of Venango county.

No. 327. An act to prevent cattle, horses, mules, sheep and swine from running at large in Plain Grove township, Lawrence county.

The Constitutional Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, February 10, 1873.

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Mr. E. C. Knight presented the following from the Society of Friends of Abington, through Hannah W. Linton and Isaac Mather, Clerks:

"That we are deeply impressed with the injurious results of the traffic in intoxicating beverages wherever permitted and however restricted. And believing that their use as such is a fruitful source of demoralization, poverty and crime, involving communities, more than any other cause, in the resulting expenses of criminal prosecutions, and the support of houses of correction, penitentiaries, almshouses and lunatic asylums, and feeling sure that no adequate good ever has or ever can grow out of their manufacture, sale and use, we do earnestly request that you will engraft a clause in our new Constitution, so far as practicable, to prohibit the making, vending and using of intoxicating beverages, and to exclude their sale under the authority and protection of the law within our otherwise prosperous Commonwealth."

PERIOD AT PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Resolutions being in order, Mr. Howard offered the following:

That the officers of all primaries or primary elections for the nomination of candidates for office, or the election of delegates to put in nomination said candidates, shall be sworn or affirmed, before entering upon their duties, to fairly and truly conduct the proceedings and duties and truly make up the result, and any willful violation of said oath or affirmation, shall be perjury, and indictable and punishable as such.

CAUSES FOR FORFEITURE OF CHARTERS.

Mr. Turrell obtained leave to present the following resolution:

That the Committee on Railroads be requested to prepare and report an article for the constitution providing that any combination, understanding or agreement by and between any railroad companies, or by and between any coal companies, relative to increasing their rates of transportation of freights and passengers, or either or relatively increasing the price of mining products, shall be cause for forfeiture of their charters, and that the Legislature shall provide by law for the proper enforcement of this section. Referred to the Committee on Railroads and Canals.

On motion the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning.

PHILADELPHIA, February 11, 1873.

There was a larger number of persons in attendance than for several days past.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

A number of petitions were presented from different parts of the State respecting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

CHANGING DEATH PENALTY TO IMPRISONMENT.

Mr. Carter presented the memorial of a committee of a Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, residing in the counties of Chester, Lancaster, York, Adams, Centre, Clearfield and Bedford, asking that the death penalty for crime may be changed to imprisonment at labor for a term of years, or for life.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Hopkins, that the Convention adjourn *sine die* March 27th, was lost.

SUFFRAGE, ELECTION AND REPRESENTATION.

Mr. Dallas took the floor, the Convention being in Committee of the Whole, on the first section of the report from the Committee on Suffrage, Election and Representation, arguing against the last clause, "that no naturalized citizen shall enjoy the right of an elector until one month shall have elapsed from the time he becomes a citizen." He contended that it was inconsistent, and not in harmony with the Constitution of the United States, and that it would be productive of fraud.

Mr. J. W. White believed that there was force in the remarks of the member from Philadelphia (Mr. Dallas), and felt that the section as reported was not such as it might have been. Everybody knows that before elections in cities there are great frauds perpetrated in naturalizing voters. In the hurry and excitement many men are made citizens who are not entitled to the right. But few persons would be objected if the privilege if they were required to reside in the district two months previous to an election.

Mr. Niles (Tioga) was of the opinion that every foreigner who wished to become a citizen of this country should be naturalized at least one month before voting. He could see no disrespect to the man from the Old World in asking him to tarry a little while at Jericho before he demanded the right to place his vote in the ballot box.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. Mann, Broomall, Hunsicker, Howard, Buckalew, Gowen and Dallas. A motion was made and carried that the committee rise and report progress, with leave to sit to-morrow.

The Convention then adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, February 12, 1873.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS.

Reports of Prothonotaries from several counties were received and referred.

Petitions from working men in Luzerne were presented by Mr. Wright, asking for a prohibitory clause in the new Constitution, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Also, one by Mr. Darlington having reference to the same subject, from citizens of West Chester.

PURDEN'S DIGEST.

Mr. Armstrong offered a resolution that five copies of the new edition of Purden's Digest be purchased for the use of the Convention, and not to be removed from the Hall.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS FOR NEWSPAPERS.

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PHILADELPHIA, February 12, 1873.

Reports of Prothonotaries from several counties were received and referred.

Petitions from working men in Luzerne were presented by Mr. Wright, asking for a prohibitory clause in the new Constitution, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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MURDER CASES.

At Westfarms, near Harlem, yesterday, the Coroner's examination resulted in holding James Evans on a charge of kicking his wife to death on Tuesday evening.

John Darris, the murderer of Theodore Donelson, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the second degree, in the Oyer and Terminer Court of Hudson county, New Jersey.

Inquiry by the Coroner into the case of Graham, at Little Neck, Long Island, resulted in causing the arrest of a half brother of the deceased, and a near friend, on suspicion.

RIGHTS OF COLORED CITIZENS.

At a meeting of colored citizens last evening, action was taken toward securing the passage of a bill introduced in the Legislature giving to colored men the privileges and rights in this State which were secured by Sumner's civil rights bill. Several made remarks in favor of Cuban independence.

GOLD SALES.

The bids for Government gold to-day amounted to $8,000,000 at 113 50-100@114 13-100. One bids was for $1,000,000 at 114 12½-100. The Government sold $1,500,000 at 114 06-100@114 13-100.

INDICTMENT AGAINST PICKPOCKETS.

It is proposed to frame indictments against pickpockets for grand larceny in the night time, instead of grand larceny simply, and in this way imprisonment for ten years may be imposed instead of five years.

THE ERIE THIRD RAIL.

The Erie officials say that the laying of the third rail will commence in the spring, and that it is probable that a sum greater than the ten millions already raised would be necessary for the undertaking.

RAILWAY BONDS STOLEN.

Yesterday two hundred thousand dollars in bonds of the Toledo, Canada Southern and Detroit Railway were stolen from the office of the company in this city.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Meeting of the County Convention—Rallying the Forces for the Local Option Contest—Resolutions Adopted Favoring a Prohibition Clause in the Constitution.

Yesterday morning the Allegheny County Temperance Convention commenced its session in the Smithfield street M. E church. The meeting of the Convention at this time was looked to with considerable interest, as the object was understood to be to urge the incorporation of a prohibition clause in the Constitution, and to rally the temperance forces in the county, so as to meet the local option question with as large numbers of "no license" votes as possible. Quite a large number of delegates and spectators were present, who seemed much interested in the proceedings.

At nine o'clock Hon. Felix R Brunot was called to the chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Reed. Rev. S. P. Jennings was elected Secretary, and Rev. S. C. Jennings and James Parke, Esq., were elected Vice Presidents.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a Business Committee: Jacob Beese, Rev. J. W. McKeever, Rev. L. C. Fleming, A. D. McGaw, Rev. E. E. Swift, D. D., Wm. H. Grey and Arthur Kirk. The committee retired and Dr. Jennings addressed the Convention.

On motion, the Chair appointed Revs. G. G. Westfall and J. D. Herr a committee of two to wait on the Monongahela District Good Templars, now in session in the city, and invite them to attend the Convention.

Mr. Shires and Rev. Dr. Hays addressed the Convention by inviting a prayer which the Rev. J. D. Herr spoke upon the "Supplemental bill for Allegheny county." Revs. W. J. Reed, G. G. Westfall and T. N. Boyle also addressed the Convention briefly. On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Squiers. The Business Committee submitted their report, which was accepted. The following resolutions submitted the Committee were taken up and adopted *seriatim*:

WHEREAS, The Legislature according to the prayers of many thousand petitions having granted to the people in counties of the first class, Option," a vote to be taken "For Licenses," or "Against Licenses" of the sale of intoxicating drinks, on the third Friday in March, 1873; therefore be it

Resolved, That we have an abiding faith in the good results which will follow the adoption of "Local Option," and will hail its acceptance by the people as a step in the right direction, and an additional assurance of the final total prohibition into the laws of the State of total prohibition—a consummation for which we hereby pledge ourselves to try our best efforts.

Resolved, That we earnestly urge upon the temperance men of Allegheny the necessity of thorough organization in the various districts, and the greatest activity in moving forward the good work, and we sincerely hope that every voter opposed to the license system will be at the polls on the day of election, and not only depend his own vote, but to labor for success, and we hereby earnestly request the hearty cooperation of every wife, mother, sister and daughter in securing votes for prohibition.

Resolved, That this Convention feels that it has much pleasure and unfeigned gratitude to God the steady growth of public sentiment favorable to the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, as exhibited in 80,000 votes recently received from the several counties voting so largely in favor of "local option," not one of which has thus far failed to give a large and overwhelming vote in favor of prohibition, and we feel encouraged to go on in the work, confident that the blessings of God will rest upon it.

Resolved, That this Convention respectfully, but earnestly petition the members of the Constitutional Convention to incorporate in the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks into the new Constitution.

Resolved, That a Finance Committee be appointed composed of one from each voting district in Allegheny county, who shall take such measures as may be advisable to secure funds for carrying out the wishes of this Convention.

Resolved, That an Executive Committee of five be appointed, whose duty shall be to carry into effect the action of this Convention.

Resolved, That we ask the editors of the temperance, religious and secular papers to more directly aid us in this movement for the overthrow of the baneful license system in our Commonwealth.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily endorse the declaration of principles as set forth by the late State Convention recently held in this city.

I. O. G. T.

Monongahela District Convention.

The Convention met at 9 A. M., T. P. Morgan presiding, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Thos. McCleary. The following committee was appointed to adopt a new order of business and report at the next convention. G. W. Wilkeson, G. V. L. Mellenger and J. Allen Wilson The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers. The following were chosen:

W. E. Thompson, W. C. T.; Mrs. H. Butler, W. V. T.; J. Allen Wilson, W. S. and Treas.; Rev. Thos. McCleary, W. Chaplain; Mollie Thompson, W. J. G., and John Bar, W. O. G. The next session will be held in Perryopolis, Fayette county, Tuesday, May 20th, 1873.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report through their chairman, Mr. Wilkinson:

Resolved, As Good Templars—1st. That we are still unalterably opposed to the drinking customs of society, and will never cease or relax our efforts so long as these customs remain.

2d. That we are in favor of the prohibition by law of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

3d. That as an Order we will co-operate heartily with all other organizations tending to banish the evils of intemperance from the land.

4th. That the sole object and aim of our Order is to promote the cause of temperance; that as we believe that one of the greatest causes of intemperance lies in the drinking social customs of society, therefore we have incorporated the social element into our lodges, and have excluded from its meetings all those who do not pledge themselves to assume our obligations and observe our laws; and further than this, we are not a secret order, and should not incur opposition as such.

5th. That the publications of the National Temperance Society and Publication House, should have a wider circulation, and the same are heartily recommended. We believe that temperance men and women only become earnest zealous workers, when fully educated upon the various phases of the reform.

6th. That we earnestly urge upon temperance people generally, and Good Templars especially, the importance of sustaining more liberally, the temperance press as a means for the correct indications of public sentiment on this subject.

7th. That Associations like individuals are judged by their acts, therefore we as Good Templars should ever have a regard for our conduct and conversation at times in order to keep pace with our profession as temperance reformers, thereby gaining for our order the esteem and confidence of the people.

8th. We as a Convention, and as a portion of the citizens of Pennsylvania, do respectfully ask the Constitutional Convention to submit to a vote of the people, a separate clause of the constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to some representative of the Constitutional Convention for presentation to said Convention.

9th. That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered to the Allegheny County Christian Temperance Alliance, for the use of their hall, and to the members of Osmond Lodge, for the hospitable entertainment of the Convention.

After transacting some other routine business the Convention adjourned.

Mr. Daniel Keck.

We last week published a mere mention of the death of Mr. Daniel Keck, of West Salem township, Mercer county, Pa., which occurred Sunday, January 26th, 1873. Mr. Keck, at the time of his death, was nearing his 89th year. The deceased was born in Westmoreland county, and came to this neighborhood about 1805, where he had resided ever since. He served his country in the war of 1812. He was the father of eight children, of whom two sons and three daughters are still living. Three sons have died, one of whom, the youngest, fell in defense of his country in the late war. His wife died in 1865. He was a quiet and good citizen, and for many years an exemplary Christian. Mr. Keck was the last of eleven brothers.—*Greenville Argus.*

—Four large silver bricks, each weighing one hundred and ten pounds, were brought to Central City, Col., on Wednesday, from the Caribon mine. Their total coin value is $55,024, and is the result of a four days' run on Caribon ore.

BREVITIES.

....Forty dollars in money and some $12,000 in valuable papers were stolen from the house of Mr. A. O. Mansfield, near Steubenville, a few nights ago.

....On Wednesday morning the residences of John Fertig, Esq., of Titusville, was almost entirely destroyed by fire. Loss about $9,000, with but small insurance.

....Rev. S. J. Wilson, D. D., will deliver his celebrated lecture on "John Knox and His Times," at the M. E. Church, in Fayetteville, on Friday evening, March 7th.

...."Excelsior."—A literary society bearing the above name has been organized at No 2 school house, North Fayette township. The society numbers amongst its members some fine orators and shrewd debaters.

....A pig with six legs and two tails was found yesterday among a drove of hogs at the Allegheny stock yards. It has four hind legs. The owner has been offered one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the monstrosity.

....The postoffice at Smithfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, was burglariously entered on Tuesday night, and all the letters and a small sum of money taken. Fifty dollars reward is offered for the apprehension of the thief.

....A horse attached to a sleigh in which Mr. Louis Fundus was riding, ran away yesterday on Frankstown avenue, East Liberty. The vehicle was considerably damaged, and Mr. Fundus was thrown out, though not badly hurt.

....The physicians who assisted in the post *mortem* examination in the case of John S. Lowrey, at Titusville, state that all the conditions of the parts examined strongly indicated that death was caused by an overdose of opium.

....It is now reported that the murderer of Flanders at Brocton gave his name wrong, and that he is no more nor less than the man Deltezel, a notorious criminal, well known in Western New York. He is not yet identified, however.

....A grand "house warming" was recently given to the new and beautiful residence of Squire Hays, in Findley township, by his talented and accomplished daughter, Miss Allie G. Hays. The sleighing was fine and the guests enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

....Rev. Sweeney, of Florence, will lecture at Academy Hall, Oakdale, on Thursday evening, 13th inst., on the subject of "The Seen and the Unseen." Those who have heard this lecture say it is excellent. It is to be hoped that the lecturer will be greeted with a full house.

....Commissioner Gamble yesterday committed to jail for trial George Renshaw and P. Murray, of Parker's Landing, on a charge of retailing liquor without paying the special tax. John D. Johnston and Michael Dessoer, arrested on a similar charge, were discharged.

....Judgment has been taken by plaintiffs for $5,000 in the action for poisoning case of John Schrote and Henrietta, his wife, vs. Frank Lutz, of Allegheny. The defendant failed to file his affidavit of defence within the time allowed by law. This is the case which attracted so much attention in the courts a few weeks ago.

....At a recent meeting of the "Fayette Literary Society," after a number of performances were given by the members, Miss Jennie Sapp, of Mount Nebo, South Fayette township, by invitation, read a selection entitled, "Mr. and Mrs. Frost." Miss Sapp is a fine elocutionist, and her performance on this occasion was a very creditable one.

....About one hundred colored men from Virginia, are working the Power's Coal Company's Mines at Mahoning, and are giving satisfaction to their employers. The strikers whose places they took feel considerably chagrined, but so far have made no demonstrations. They have concluded to stick it out until their demands are complied with.

....A teacher's Institute, consisting of the teachers of Scott, Robinson, and North and South Fayette townships, will be held in the Academy Hall, Oakdale, on Friday and Saturday, February 14th and 15th. Lectures will be delivered by Professors Cornell and Stockwell and Profs. Curry, Morrow, and others. The exercises will, no doubt, be very interesting and instructive.

....The funeral of John S. Lowrie took place at Titusville on Wednesday, and was attended by a large concourse of people from all parts of the county. Red Men and large numbers of citizens. Lourie was a Catholic, but having died a member of the Red Men, a secret society, the priest of the Catholic church at Titusville refused to officiate at the funeral, and he was therefore buried without any religious ceremony.

....The name of the man who murdered Mr. Flanders, at Brocton, on Saturday last, is Philip Hamstetter. He is a German, has been married twice, and is about forty years of age. He is thirty-eight years old. The coroner held an inquest on the body of the murdered man, when Hamstetter was fully identified as the murderer as long as this was known, a strong guard had to be placed over him, to prevent the enraged people from taking the law into their hands.

....Early on Tuesday morning the store of Mr. John Ely, corner of Market and Fourth streets, Steubenville, was entered by burglars, who effected an entrance through a back window, by cutting away part of the sash. They succeeded in carrying off several hundred dollars worth of goods, consisting of fancy meerschaum pipes, cigars, tobacco, etc. It appears they took their time and picked out only the best goods in the store. No clue to them could be found.

....Prof. W. N. Hull, recently gave an Electro-Biological entertainment at the M. E. Church, in Fayetteville. Prof. Hull's readings and recitations are becoming very popular, and we understand he has engagements up to July 1st. His recitations of such articles as "Darius Green," "Gone with a Handsomer Man," "Over the Hill to the Poor House," "Rugg Documents," &c., are certainly very fine. The course of lectures and entertainments at the Fayetteville church, is managed by Rev. D. A. Reed.

....A case of accidental poisoning occurred in Ashtabula county, Ohio, a few days since, similar to the Lowry case in Titusville. Mrs. George Loverage had been under treatment for nervous disease, and paregoric was administered in small doses by her husband, according to the physician's directions. She asked for more, as it did not appear to have the desired effect, and it was given her, although the quantity was still exceedingly small. She soon seemed to have taken asleep, and her husband, becoming alarmed, called in a neighbor, when it was found she was dead.

....Mr. John W. Beatty, a well to do young merchant of Erie, Pa., and of the firm of Justice & Beatty, of that place, was found dead in his bed on Tuesday morning. He had been missed since Saturday, but nothing wrong was suspected. On Tuesday however he was found dead in his bed with his head hanging over the side in a partly decomposed condition. He died from the bursting of a blood vessel over the brain. The deceased was an unassuming and quite young man single. His father had lately died, and left him some $20,000. He was twenty-seven years of age.

....A baby show has been in operation in Titusville, for the benefit of the Hebrew congregation. There were old babies and young babies, big babies and little babies, babies with hair and bald babies. On which the first prize for being the best boy baby was given to Victor Oxley, a fair haired little boy of fifteen months, while an equal prize was given to Kate Somerborn, three months old, as the best girl baby. The judges for the award were Mrs. Mayer, given to Master Robert Besley, aged eighteen months, and Hattie Well, eight months old. The entertainment afforded a great deal of amusement to the audience.

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If other recommendations of this institution were desired, we think they would be found in the character of the men in whose hands the business of the bank is entrusted, which names appear elsewhere. These gentlemen, individually, have been successful in their private business, and could hardly fail to succeed in the management of any public trust. The business of the bank is transacted on a liberal but prudent scale, so as to ensure the greatest measure of profit to the patron, while the security at the same time is maintained.

The Germania is open daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., and on Saturday evening from 7 to 9. Among all our banking institutions we know of none we can more heartily recommend.

Boy Killed at Rochester Station on the Fort Wayne Road.

As the Chicago Express, due here at 11:55 *yesterday morning*, was approaching Rochester station, a number of boys vending apples attempted to board the train. One of them, a lad whose name we could not learn, was thrown off and fell under the cars, several of them passing over him, cutting him literally in two, and killing him instantly.

The company has warned these boys time and again to be more guarded, but they have been heedless of the warning, and this is the result of their foolhardiness in trying to turn an honest penny.

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Mr. J. J. H. Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass., is well known as one of the few leading seed growers in this country. He was the original introducer of the Hubbard Squash, the Marblehead Cabbages, and many other of our new and valuable vegetables. All seeds from his establishment are sold under three special warrants. His advertisements will be found in this number, and we invite attention to them. His Illustrated Catalogue for 1873, (now ready), will be sent FREE to all applicants.

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ELDERTON, PA.

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TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

A Teacher's Institute was held here on the 17th and 18th inst., and was well attended. Mr. George presided, Miss Montgomery secretary. The two days were taken up with discussions on school exhibitions. The best method of teaching English Grammar. How can the school-room be made attractive. Duties of Directors, and subjects of a similar practical character. These discussions were interspersed with essays &c. Among the teachers who were in the proceedings were, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. McCullough, Miss Pugh, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Shoemaker, G. D. Hunt, Mr. Kinnard, Mr. Walker, Miss McCoy, Mr. Schaffer and others.

WESTON.

KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Accident on the Pennsylvania Road.

James Palmer, the train dispatcher at Conemaugh Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, died between one and two o'clock yesterday morning from injuries received the evening previous. It appears that the deceased was riding on the engine of a train, not seeing another engine coming in an opposite direction, he jumped off on the cowcatcher of the approaching locomotive, caught him, and he was thrown under its wheels, which passed over his legs, one of them being nearly severed from his body. He was picked up and taken to his home, where physicians were summoned, who amputated one of the injured limbs. However he did not long survive the operation, and died yesterday morning as above reported. The deceased was much respected by all who knew him, and leaves a wife and four children.

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The Harvest of the Head.—When the comb acts as a rake, bringing away a roll of parted fibers every time it passes through the hair, baldness would soon be inevitable. But even in this case, for long as it may seem, the mischief can be arrested, the hair recalled. Lyon's Kathairon, aided by a few applications of the brush to promote the absorption of the fluid by the scalp, will stop the thinning-out process in forty-eight hours. The roots from which the dead filaments were shed will soon be re-endowed with vitality, and a new growth will rapidly spring up on the denuded places. This work of reproduction will go on until the damage is completely repaired, and the luxuriant crop of hair thus produced will never wither or fall out ment, but when the large houses quit work the accounts might as well be closed.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 18, 1873.

A very decided effort has been made before Congress to effect a reduction of tax on savings banks. The representatives there of these institutions urge that the tax on savings banks is against public policy and peculiarly oppressive. They ask that it be abolished for three reasons, as follows:

1. It discriminates between the rich and poor; and against the latter, by selecting capitals of small amount for taxation, while no others are taxed.

2. It discriminates between the provident and improvident poor, in favor of the latter, by exempting them from all direct taxation, while the small savings of the thrifty depositor are made to bear a disproportionate share of the public burden, thus virtually imposing a penalty on thrift.

3. It subjects the depositor to threefold taxation: first, of five per cent. on the annual income of his savings, averaging (two dollars); secondly, of one half per cent. per annum on his principal; and, thirdly, of another half per cent. on that portion of his capital which may be considered as included in the large cash balance which savings banks are obliged to keep in banks of circulation—which last, of course, forms part of the deposits returned by such last mentioned banks.

The reasons urged for the repeal of these taxes are well put in reference to pure savings banks—such as the Dollar Savings Bank of this city—which are organized purely for the benefit of the depositors. But, then we have a number of savings banks, organized with a capital stock—making money out of the business—and the repeal of these taxes will be giving them privileges not possessed by other banks. The money markets east and west are reported to be all working close. The Missouri *Republican* says:

There was considerable activity in the money market, with a renewed demand for loans, which was found to be in excess of the ability of the discount institutions to accomodate. Rates of interest at bank still remain firm at ten per cent. per annum.

The New York *Times* says: The terms made for money among the brokers for carrying over stocks were a stiff 7 per cent. for borrowing, a thirty-second ₱ cent. bonus, and 7 ₱ cent interest. At the close of bank hours some business was done at 7 ₱ cent. Gold interest.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says: In our local money market yesterday business was more active, and the scarcity of currency was felt more severely. The demand for discounts was larger, but the banks as a rule were able to discount most of the acceptable paper offered by depositors at 8@9 per cent., with exceptions at 10, while in the open market there was an ample supply of money seeking investment in prime business paper at 10 per cent.

The Boston *Post* says: The advices from New York continue to affect the Boston money market to some extent. Outside of bank favors to depositors, there is little if anything doing in business paper below 7¼@8 per cent. per annum discount. Call loans nominally 7.

In our local money market we note to-day, a continued feeling of caution induced by the financial embarrassment of the firm referred to yesterday. Accommodation paper, even with good names, is looked on with disfavor, but first class business paper can be passed at the ruling rate of 12 per cent. Inferior paper, however, is not looked at and cannot be placed even at high quotations. Some of our banks are quite close up to their limits, while others have some spare balances which they will not part with unless at good rates on the very best of "gilt edged" paper.

In the New York stock market a severe contest is taking place between the bulls and bears, and prices to-day seem to be in favor of the bulls during the morning, but in the afternoon, the bears succeeded in depressing prices. It is hard to say what the future course of the market will be. Some of the stocks are cheap while others are held at high figures. Western Union has been strong all day, while Erie declined one per cent.

We propose giving full and reliable information concerning the stock market, and are making such arrangements as cannot fail to be of value to all dealing in New York stocks. We design se real tabular statements, which will be of interest to all dealers.

In the gold market prices to-day have remained steady all day, opening and closing at about the same figure. The bull clique are trying to make gold scarce, and indications are that they are succeeding in their efforts.

The following stocks were sold last evening by A. McIlwaine, Auctioneer, at his Stock Sales Rooms, 106 Smithfield street:

Citizens National Bank	91 00
Allegheny National Bank	70 00
Artisans Deposit Bank ($30 paid in)	29 50
Allegheny Suspension Bridge	52 00
Keenterprise Insurance Co. ($25 paid in)	32 50
City Insurance Company ($31.50 paid in)	29 00

In the Supreme Court of California a decision has recently been made touching the responsibility for the loss caused by "raised checks." To a stranger who bought a bill of goods, Redington & Co., of San Francisco, on February 11, 1870, gave also a check on the London and San Francisco Bank for $30, the stranger saying he wanted a check of that amount to send to the country to pay a bill. This check was for $30 gold, that being the currency in which the purchase of $3,500 greenbacks was made. Next day the man negotiated of Woods & Co. brokers, the purchase of $3,500 greenbacks, cost being $2,931.25 in gold. After endorsement in the brokers' office gave the check to pay for the greenbacks to bank, which, by being made payable to bearer, was paid it. Thereof to $2,931.25. At once fraud was discovered, while the man who had passed the counterfeit store, they sent it did not demand the money it good, subsequently, when Woodwards the payment, and suit was brougton & Co. The suit was an amicable one, and the District Court in San Francisco days cide whether the plaintiffs, defendanted bank should supply the loss, and it was decided that Woods & Co. should suffer it. From thence they appealed, and the California Supreme Court, overruling the judgment of the Court below, decided that the loss should fall on the bank, because the check was not returned by them, and for that reason alone. This, of course, is California law, but although the decision may not govern here, the case will be of interest.

Lather S. Kauffman, stock and note broker, No. 116 Smithfield street, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from his latest advices by telegraph:

	Opening.	Closing.
Gold	114¾	114¾
U. S. 6s—1881	117	117
" —coupons	115¾	115¾
5-20s—1862	115¾	115¾
" —1864	115¾	115¾
" —1865	115¾	115¾
" —1865 new	114¾	114¾
" —1867	116½	116½
" —1868—coupons	116½	116½
10-40s—coupons	109¾	109¾
10-40s—coupons	110¼	110¼
Currency—6s	119	119
New 5 per cents	113¾	113¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	103¾	102¾
Erie	65¾	64¾
Erie Mountain		91¾
R. H. & R.	10	9¾
C. C. & I. C.	41¾	41¾
Canton	100	100
St. Paul	52	52¾
St. Paul, preferred	74	
Michigan Southern	96¾	95
Do. Central		108
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	89¾	89¾
Rock Island	112¾	112¾
Do. preferred	91	91
Pacific Mail	72¾	72¾
Atantic Mail	6¾	6¾
Western Union Telegraph	88¾	89¾
Ohio & Mississippi	46¾	46¾
Union Pacific	33¾	34¾
Toledo & Wabash	22¾	22¾
Fort Wayne	83	83
Adams Express	97¾	97¾
American Express	68¾	68¾
United States Express	75¾	75¾
Harlem	124¾	124¾

New York, February 18, 1873.

Money was active and close most of the day, call loans ranging from 1-32 to 3-32, until near the close, when it became apparent that the bears were tired of the operation, and the rate fell to 7 gold. Sterling steady; 108¾@109. Gold advanced to 114¾, but fell to 114¼, closing at 114¾@114⅝. Loans 4@7 for carrying, and 1 per cent. to flat for borrowing. Clearings $59,000,000. Treasury disbursements $83,000. Governments opened firm, declined ⅛ to ¼, and lower, but steady. State bonds were very dull. Stocks were quiet. The fluctuations were generally small, and outside of Western Union were only ⅝ to 1¼ per cent. Business was most important in Wood on Union and Erie. The market closed quiet, but steady.

GOVERNMENTS.—U. S. coupons of '81, 120; 5-20s '62, 115⅝; do '64, 115¾; do '65, 115⅜; new 5's, 114¾; '67, 116¼; do '68, 116⅝; new 5's, 113¾; Ten-forties, 114¾. Currency 6s, 114¾.

STATE BONDS.—Missouri, 94; Tennessee old, 79¾; do new, 79¾; Virginia new, 50; do old, 45; North Carolina old, 33; do new, 16.

STOCKS.—Canton 100; Western Union Telegraph 89¼; Quicksilver 45; Adams Express 97½; Wells, Fargo & Co., 85; American Merchants Express 68¾; United States do 76¾; Pacific Mail, 72¾; Central 103¾; Erie 64¾; do preferred 78; Harlem 123; do preferred 125; Michigan Central 108; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago 89¾; Northwestern 81; do preferred 90¾; Rock Island 112¾; New Jersey Central 103; St. Paul 52¾; do preferred 74; Wabash 72¾; do pref'd 85; Fort Wayne 93; Terre Haute 10; do preferred 40; Chicago & Alton 115½; do preferred 118; Ohio & Mississippi 46¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati 93; Burlington & Quincy 118; Lake Shore 96; Panama 412½; Illinois Central 118; Union Pacific 34¾; Central Pacific 104¾; Union 87¼; Delaware & Lackawana 103; Hartford & Erie 9½; Bankers' Ells 103¾@109.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 18, 1873.

APPLES—The market continues dull, and notwithstanding the receipts are moderate, light for some time past, the cold weather rendering it hazardous to make shipments. The supply is still in excess of the demand, and prices are barely maintained, ranging from $1.50@2.50 per bbl., as to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—Sales at 50 to 60c.

BEANS—$2.25@2.75 per bushel, according to quality, the medium figure for prime.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—$7.50@8 per bbl.

BUTTER—There is a fair demand for the better grades, and we are rep orted sales at 25 to 28 for good to prime, and 30 for choice. Low grade butter goes begging at 20@22.

BROOM CORN—There is a moderate trade but no quotable change in prices, which range from 4 to 6½c.

CANNED GOODS—Peaches, 3 lb. cans, $3 to $3¾ per doz; 2 lbs., $2.50; Tomatoes, $2.40 to $2.50. Winslow Corn, $3; other brands, $2.50@2.75.

CARBON OIL—is still quoted at 16½ to 16¾ by the car load, and 2 to 3c more for small lots.

CONCENTRATED LYE—is quoted at $7.50 per case for 50 case lots, and $8 for small lots.

CRANBERRIES—Sackett's and Carey's, $14 per bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—Continues dull, but prices are nominally unchanged. Peaches, 9 to 9½; Apples, 4 to 6; Blackberries, 10 to 12; Pitted Cherries 20 to 22; unpitted, 7 to 8.

EGGS—Are coming in more freely, and the market is weaker and prices drooping, we reduce our quotations to 30 to 33; there were sales at the inside figure, and some would have got that had been 30 before they would have missed a sale. A few more days of such weather as that of to-day will knock the price away down—holders generally are all anxious to realize being apprehensive of a decline.

FLOUR—Trade continues slow, but while some houses have made a reduction of 20 to 25c per bbl. there has, as yet, been no general decline; however, according to present indications it is only a question of a little time. We continue former quotations, $8.25 to $8.50 for fair to choice spring wheat, and $8.50@9 for red winter. The arrivals of late have been unusually heavy during the past few days, particularly of spring wheat, and our market is now pretty well stocked. Rye flour, $5.25@5.50.

GRAIN—The operations in Wheat continue very meagre in this market, the delay being mainly to a scarcity of stock; however, the feeling, as noted in our last report, is weaker, and lower prices, accordingly, to present indications. We hear at hand: millers are refusing to pay as much now as they did ten days ago, and it is absurdity of notice that we have to write effectively than flour. Oats seem to be considerably demoralized; the receipts fair offerings not large, no interest, while the demand is scarcely an average, hence, stocks are accumulating and prices are lower. We reduce our quotations to 60@ 61 cents, according to quality. Shelled Corn is in pretty much the same condition; may be quoted at 42@43 in elevator, the indications are that there is no money for owners at these figures, and some of our regular dealers will hold it until a change occurs, and it is almost certain consignments will fall off. Ear Corn is still quoted at 40@42, with a limited demand. Prices not sufficient to give it, as the saying is, a black eye, too. Rye is quiet and nominally unchanged. Barley is difficult to quote correctly; it is said that it is selling at 80 to 90 more than 85 to 90 for spring or 95@1 for fall.

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ONIONS—$2.25 per bbl.

MINCE MEAT—Standard brands 12c.

MILL FEED—Continues dull; Bran may be quoted at 85@90; Seconds, $1@1.10; Middlings, $1.30@1.35.

POTATOES—Small sales at 80 to 85 cents per bushel.

PROVISIONS—Sugar Cured Hams, 13c; Sugar Cured Shoulders, 8c; Plain Shoulders, 6¾c; Rib Sides, 8c; Clear Rib Sides, 8¼c; Dried Sides, 9c; Breakfast Bacon, 11c; Dried Beef, 18c; Mess Pork, $15.00; Ham Sausage, 10c. Leaf Lard: in tres, 9c; half bbls, 9¾c; pails, 10¼. Pigs Feet: in half bbls, $4.50; in ¼ bbls $2.30. Beef tongues, $9.50 per dozen.

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TALLOW—Unchanged at 8@8½c.

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Provisions

WEEKLY GAZETTE.

HARRISBURG.

Gov. Hartranft Refuses to Approve the Pennsylvania Railroad Bill.

The Governor Asked to Return the Bill for Amendment.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, February 17, 1873.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Bill.

Governor Hartranft is not disposed to swallow the Pennsylvania Railroad bill with the same avidity as the Legislature. Parties interested were notified that he would not approve the bill unless some limitation was placed on the power of the company to increase the capital stock and issue bonds.

At the session of the Senate this evening, Senator Eaton introduced a concurrent resolution requesting the Governor to return the bill to the Legislature for amendment. The resolution was passed without opposition, and will go through the House to-morrow. The ten days allowed the Governor to consider the bill before signing or vetoing it expires to-morrow.

This action of Governor Hartranft was unexpected, as it has been loudly proclaimed here that he was as sure to sign the bill as the Legislature was to pass it. The fact that the bill was passed unanimously did not influence him to accept and vitalize its extraordinary grants. This action will be approved by the people of the State. It shows a mind of his own, and is not a mere register of edicts of the great railroad company. ARCTIC.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Organization of the Ohio and Baltimore Short Line Railway Co.

Connection Between the Hempfield and Connellsville Railroads.

Washington in Direct Communication with Chicago and the Seaboard.

"Little Washington" Preparing to Vote on Local Option.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, PA., February 17, 1873.

New Railroad Organized.

The Ohio & Baltimore Short Line Railway Company was organized here to-day. The Company was organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a railroad from a point west of Cokeyville, this county, to some point at or near Dawson's Station, on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad. This road is to connect the Hempfield Railroad with the Connellsville Railroad and form part of the great through line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to Chicago and the northwest. Thus Washington will be throwa into direct communication both with Chicago and the seaboard.

C. M. Reed, of Washington, is the President of the Company, and the following persons are Directors: Thomas McKennan, W. W. Smith, Wm. Workman, S. B. Hays, all of Washington, and T. H. Garrett, Wm. Keyser and John K. Cowen, of Baltimore.

County Temperance Convention.

The Temperance Convention, which was announced some time ago, met to-day in the town hall. There were delegates present from all parts of the county and the meeting was a very large one. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing and preparing for the election and local option in March.

The Eldersville Murder.

The trial of Henry Bolsdand for the murder of old Allingham, at Eldersville, creates great excitement here. Witnesses are arriving rapidly, and it is very probable a bill will be found to-morrow afternoon. M.

SPRINGHILL STATION.

Man Instantly Killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

COSSAMAUON, PA., Feb. 17, 1872.

The Cincinnati Express, which left Pittsburgh at 1:10 on Monday, ran over a man at Springhill Station, seventeen miles east of Pittsburgh, killing him instantly. Letters on his person indicate his name to be Guy Wise, from Kalamazoo, Mich. The letters are signed by his brother, and are dated at Williamsport. He was evidently on his way walking, as a memorandum on the back of an envelope shows that he crossed the State line on February 13th. The body was taken to Irwin Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad. B.

NEW ORLEANS.

Particulars of the Burning of the Steamer Henry A. Jones.

NEW ORLEANS, February 16.—The Galveston steamer Charles Forbes brought to the city the rescued from the burnt steamer Henry A. Jones. Among them was the assistant pilot, Daniel G. Gordon, who was on watch at the time of the disaster. He gives the following particulars:

He was about three miles over Red Fish bar, at 4:50 A. M., the watchman on the lower deck called out "Red Fish light in sight." The watchman was in the act of casting the lead when an explosion was heard, something like the escape of steam, but more resembling the report of a gun. The first pilot, who was on the roof, ran down to the lower deck, and immediately sang out to the assistant pilot to make his escape, as the boat was on fire. Gordon immediately left the wheel, and ran to the after gangway. When he got below he found that the fire wrapped the whole boat and cargo in a sheet of flames. He had only time to reach the barge. The Jones had four hundred and forty-two bales of cotton, a lot of hides, &c., on board, and a barge with wool in tow. About the time Gordon reached the barge it caught fire. It was cut loose from the burning boat and floated away.

Murphey, the engineer on duty, did not escape, and all is conjecture regarding the cause of his disaster. The probabilities are that the fire wall gave way, and that the noise heard by Gordon was caused by its fall. It is certain the whole vessel and barge were in flames within five minutes after the first alarm. Twenty-two persons were lost.

CHICAGO.

Trade and Commerce for 1872.

CHICAGO, February 16.—The following statistics of the trade and commerce of Chicago during the past year are taken from the advance sheets of the forthcoming annual report of the Chicago Board of Trade: Receipts of flour for the year, 1,532,014; shipments, 1,361,328; number of barrels manufactured in the city, 187,968—there being only two large mills left by the great fire, and none having been built since. Wheat receipts, 12,724,141 bushels, against 14,439,606 bushels the previous year. Receipts, 47,366,087 bushels, against 41,583,139 last year, or an excess of over 13,500,000 bushels over any previous year. Oats receipts, 15,061,715 bushels, against 14,789,414 in 1871. Rye, 1,129,086 bushels, against 2,011,736 bushels last year. Barley, 5,251,750 bushels, against 6,669,410 bushels last year. Cattle receipts, 684,075 head, against 543,505 head last year. Hogs, live and dressed, 2,488,328 head, against 2,652,559 head in 1871.

The total value of live stock received at the Union stock yards during the past year is estimated at $75,473,000. The total amount of duties collected at the Custom House during the year on foreign imports was $2,114,754. The total value of duties collected on goods sent to Canada by lake during the year was $5,258,000. The receipts of lumber during the year reached the enormous aggregate of 11,183,659,283 feet, and of shingles 610,822,420. Altogether, the trade of the city largely exceeds that of any previous year.

Terrible Explosion of Gas near Oil City.

TITUSVILLE, PA., February 14.—A special to the Courier says at midnight last night an explosion occurred near Oil City, resulting in the death of W. Bauman, and the total destruction of his residence. The gas from an oil well near by had been conducted into his house for heating purposes. Owing to some defect it had escaped until the lower room was filled, when it suddenly ignited and caused a terrific explosion.

Another Broken Rail.

TITUSVILLE, PA., February 17.—A special to the Courier gives an account of another accident having occurred on the Allegheny Valley Railroad. The train coming north, leaving Brady's Bend at 12:25 P. M., was thrown from the track by a broken rail. Three ladies were injured, but not seriously. The conductor was also slightly injured.

The Last Hopes of the Polygamists Gone.

SALT LAKE, February 15.—The special message on Utah affairs is a cunning blow to the hopes of the polygamous theocrats. The church organs are evidently at a loss what to do. The Herald says it is another heavy dose, but they must dance to the music furnished.

—The trial of John T. Osborne, charged with the murder of Mrs. Matthews, at Yates City, Ill., in August last, was concluded at Galesburg on Saturday morning, the jury rendering a verdict of guilty, and fixing the penalty at death by hanging.

FOREIGN.

The Spanish Republic.

CONGRATULATIONS OF MINISTER SICKLES.

Reply of Senor Figueras.

CIRCULAR TO FOREIGN POWERS.

SPAIN.

THE ROYAL GUARD SUPPRESSED.

MADRID, February 15.—The Government has ordered the suppression of the Royal Guard. It is probable that the Council of State will also be suppressed.

RECOGNITION.

It is asserted that the Governments of the United States of America, France, England, Belgium and Switzerland will soon recognize the Republic of Spain.

AMADEUS' ABDICATION VOLUNTARY.

The Imparcial declares that the act of abdication was voluntary and personal. The King's father was opposed to it.

THE FLAG OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Correspondencia says the flag of the Republic will be violet, white and red.

ADHESION TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

It is reported that General Martinez, Commander-in-Chief in the North, has telegraphed his adhesion to the new Government.

THE PROVINCES TRANQUIL.

Dispatches from the provinces report tranquility every where excepting in the districts disturbed by the Carlists.

It is said, that the army is opposed to a republic and favors a monarchy, but is divided in its choice for ruler between Duke Montpensier and ex Queen Isabella. Don Carlos entered Spain on Thursday last. The Carlists are working vigorously to advance the interests of their leader. Saragossa is practically blockaded by the insurgents. The insurrectionists have cut the railway between this city and the north, at Pancova, a town in Burgess.

SEPARATION OF THE CHURCH AND STATE.

Among the measures contemplated by the Ministry are the separation of Church and State, and the appointment of Judges for life.

ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS.

In the Assembly to-day bills were read granting amnesty to the prisoners charged with complicity in the recent Republican demonstrations, and declaring that justice shall hereafter be administered in the name of the people.

Echegaray, Minister of Finance, declared that the financial obligations of Spain shall be respected. The declaration was greeted with cheers. He added that the Government was interested in maintaining the credit of the nation. "Respect for the right" will be the motto.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

MADRID, February 15.—Sickles, United States Minister to Spain, to-day called upon Senor Figueras, and addressed him as follows: Pursuant to orders from my Government, I salute your excellency upon the establishment of a Republican form in Spain, so long and dignified as which the change of Government was effected is a happy auspice of the glorious future for Spain. The United States, occupying a large tract of continent civilized by Spanish faith and valor, cannot contemplate unmoved the spectacle of the empire of Ferdinand and Isabella transformed into a Republic. The American people rejoice to see Spain imitating their example, and establishing prosperity and power upon solid foundations. In expressing to your excellency the fervent good wishes of President Grant, and recognizing your authority, accompanied by the assurance of my duty of my mission to this noble and generous country.

Senor Figueras, in reply to Sickles, said: His grave responsibility, and overwhelm him with it not for such moments as the present, when you so eloquently convey the robust voice of the American people in blessing and acclaiming the advent of the Republic, which moderate energy achieved and prudence will preserve. If the United States is indebted to Spain for the discoverer of the American continent, Spain is indebted to the United States for the founder of a new social order. Spain will remember the worthy example set her by the United States.

CUBA TO BE REMEMBERED.

MADRID, February 16.—Senor Figueras concluded his speech, yesterday, in reply to Sickles' congratulations, with the following words: We hold in the New World an integral portion of territory destined, under the Spanish flag, to serve as a connecting link between the two Continents. In order that the Antilles may accomplish that mission and realize our civilizing objects, we must preserve Spanish energy and the strength of Spanish institutions.

PARIS, February 16.—Senor Castellar has sent a dispatch to the Spanish residents in Paris, in which he clearly intimates that the new Government will be weak and will exert every effort to keep the Spanish flag on a portion of American territory as a pledge of the perpetual union of the old and new world.

Popularity of the Republic.

MADRID, February 17.—A number of the conservative Generals of the Spanish army have assured the Government that they will not oppose the Republic.

Insurgent Attack Repulsed.

MADRID, February 17.—The Carlist chieftain Ollo, with 1,500 men, yesterday attacked Tafalla, in Navarre. The garrison made a gallant resistance, and the insurgents were compelled to retreat.

The Troops Becoming Reconciled.

The popular forces in Madrid, yielding to the commands of the authorities, have abandoned the positions which they occupied when the King abdicated.

No Meddling Permitted.

MADRID, February 17.—Senor Castellar is about to send a circular to foreign powers to prevent their intervention in the affairs of Spain. It will assure them that the Republic is not aggressive in character, and does not seek to force its principles upon nations.

The Marquis de Boville, French ambassador, had a long conference to-day with Senor Castellar.

PORTUGAL.

ARRIVAL OF AMADEUS.

LISBON, February 14.—Amadeus reached this city this morning and proceeded to the palace prepared for him. No intimation is given as to the time he will remain. A squadron of Italian naval vessels is momentarily expected.

RECEPTION OF AMADEUS.

LISBON, February 14.—Ex-King Amadeus and family were met on their arrival at the railway station by the King and Queen of Portugal, Prince August and members of the Cabinet. The Italian Ambassador received Amadeus. The ex Queen was weak, and was carried in a sedan chair to the palace. The streets through which they passed were crowded.

MEXICO.

DESERTION OF A WHOLE GARRISON.

MATAMORAS, February 14.—Last night the garrison of Fort Cosa Mata, became dissatisfied with their treatment and long arrears of pay, and deserted in a body, dragging the guns of the fort outside and discharging them. The men, two hundred in number, took all their arms.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 15, 1873.

THE WRIT OF ERROR IN STOKES' CASE.

The text of Judge Davis' decision granting a writ of error and stay in the case of Stokes says that the exceptions are of such grave importance, and there being a doubt as to the correctness of one portion of the charge to the jury, it became his duty to give the prisoner an opportunity to present the case to a higher court. The case will now go to the full bench for a hearing. This will probably involve a delay of a couple of months. The news had a cheering effect on Stokes.

VALUE OF GREELEY'S PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The appraisers of Horace Greeley's estate estimate that his personal property will foot up about one hundred thousand dollars. It is said that Samuel Sinclair is indebted to the estate at least eight thousand dollars. There are about one hundred thousand dollars of bad debts and bad securities. The appraisers say that C. Vanderbilt, Jr., owes the estate fifty thousand dollars borrowed money. Commodore Vanderbilt has given five thousand dollars to each of Mr. Greeley's daughters, saying they can have such money as they need at any time.

FATAL FALL.

John M. Hodgers, a broker, last night fell down the stairway at his residence on Fifth avenue, and broke his neck.

EDUCATIONAL.

Allegheny County Teachers' Institute.

The Allegheny County Teachers' Institutute held a meeting in the Oakdale Institute Hall, February 14th, and the day was spent in lectures, class drills, essays, discussions, &c., on topics peculiar to Public School work. County Superintendent Douthett conducted the exercises. Among the speakers and spraketeresse, were Mr. J. A. Morrow, of Pittsburgh, Prof. Patterson of Oakdale, W. A. Verner, W. J. Sterling, J. W. Liggett, J. M'Candless, Rev. Mr. Cornelius, Rev. Mr. Mays, Rev. Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. E. T. Donaldson, Miss R. E. Tannehill, Miss Sadie McCalmont, Miss Argie Wilson, Miss Sheets, Miss Shaffer, Miss Taggart, Miss S. A. Perkins, Miss Jennie Sapp and others. The sessions were largely attended and proved enjoyable as well as instructive.

Prohibition in Westmoreland County.

IRWIN STATION, PA., February 14, 1873.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

The temperance men in Westmoreland county are actively at work, and feel encouraged by the results to continue their work for the good cause. The intelligent and worthy citizens have caught the spirit of reform, and meetings have been held at Irwin's, Jacksonville, Larimer's, Sewickley and other points in the county, and were well attended. The masses are against license, and will vote against it. But we do not propose to stop with this, and petitions to the Constitutional Convention for a "prohibition amendment" are being signed by large numbers of our citizens. We feel confident that Westmoreland county will vote by a large majority "no licence." PROHIBITION.

THE RIVERS.

A Flood in the Monongahela.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

Two Steamboats Sunk and Two Lives Lost.

LARGE NUMBER OF LOADED COAL BARGES SUNK.

About three o'clock yesterday morning, a very sudden and unexpected rise in the Monongahela river commenced, and continued with a rapidity seldom before known, and soon assumed the proportions and irresistible force of a terrible flood, proving the most disastrous casualty that has occurred on this part of the river for many a day. When the sudden rise was first noticed, it seemed as if an ice gorge had suddenly given way letting down an immense flood without a moment's warning. The water could be plainly seen crawling up the shore, and for a time the rise progressed at the almost unprecedented rate of one foot per hour. The flood was entirely unlooked for, and coming upon the fleet at that hour found the boats and barges totally unprepared for the emergency, and the result was a general sweeping of everything movable which offered the slightest resistance to the current.

LOSS OF LIFE.

Great confusion prevailed on board the numerous steamboats lying at the wharf, and some time ensued before anything definite was known as to the loss.

Frightful rumors prevailed to the effect that twelve or fourteen lives had been drowned; but when the truth was known the number was reduced to two. One, named Joseph King, was drowned at McKeesport; the other, a man named Henry Smith, who lived at Neville Island, was drowned on board the steamer V. F. Wilson.

COAL BOATS LOST.

The first prey to the flood was a fleet of 30 loaded barges, attached to the Smithfield street suspension bridge, and as the current struck them their cables parted like thread, and the boats were floated off. Several of the barges lodged below, while others were captured by the tugs and landed without loss. Many of them, however, sunk and will be a total loss. Five of the barges, owned by Samuel Cable, were among the barges of this lot, and which were lost.

BOATS RECOVERED.

The tugs were active in their efforts to save the coal barges, and were successful to a certain extent. The tow boats Alex McDonald, Fair Play and Three Lights caught and landed safely the following boats and barges: Two barges, Nos. 1 and 5, owned by Connell & McGowan; two, Nos. 9 and 19, owned by Briggs & Kerr; one at Duffy's bar, No. 2; one No. 2, of Magee; one No. 12, Bonner; one new barge, no name; one flat, Lysle & Son; one barge, John McClusky; three barges, Stella; one barge was stuck on Deadman, one on head of White's Ripple, and two opposite Glendale. Out of thirty-four barges which are known to have floated off, twenty were saved.

STEAMBOATS SUNK.

The barges which broke loose from the Suspension bridge struck some of the boats lying at the wharf, sinking the steamers V. F. Wilson and Oil Valley, and damaging the Coal Valley considerably. The steamer V. F. Wilson, was valued at $15,000. She was insured for $10,000, having $5,000 each in the Eureka and Citizens' Insurance Companies. The Wilson was built in 1869, and was owned by Capt. William Dunshee and Captain N. Pollard. The Captain of the Keesport. She sank in about two minutes after been struck. A scene of the wildest excitement took place, some of the crew being compelled to leave the boats in their night clothes. The steamer Oil Valley, will save us between the towboats Leopard and Hercules.

The Oil Valley was owned by D. A. and J. S. McDonald, of this city, and was valued at $16,000. She was insured for $10,000; $2,500 each in the Allegheny and Ample's companies of this city, and in the Peabody, and another company, name unknown, of Wheeling. She was two years old last summer, and was heavily coaled for her trip South.

The steamer "Old Valley," which lay near the "Oil Valley," had her starboard guard mashed by the collision of the "Oil Valley." The guard is mashed about amidships, and one-half the wheel on that side is torn off. It is thought the damage will amount to $1,000.

FROM UP THE RIVER.

Telegrams from up the river reported the river rising at the rate of six inches an hour until about five o'clock when at Lock No. 4, it had been reduced to two inches per hour, and at that time there was nineteen and three-fourths feet of water at the lock. There were also above a large fleet of coal boats here in sight of the city adrift with no one aboard. Some thirty packages were in the fleet. It seemed certain that the fleet floating abreast of the channel would sweep the bridge piers, and in order to construction to the crafts moored there; but fortunately the fears were dispelled when it became evident that the fleet could not pass the railroad bridge without striking one of the piers. The people lined the bridges and shores in great numbers, and when the crash came it caused a shudder among them to see the property so melt away in the angry waters. The entire fleet struck, when the first section of loaded coal boat, which floated past and slightly rubbed one of the piers of the Smithfield street bridge, and passed into the Ohio river in a sinking condition.

At Augustine's Landing, near Six Mile Ferry, five coal boats tore loose and came down the river. One belonging to Henry H. Collins, sunk at the mouth of Ferry street, and one belonging to John H. McCloskey was sunk at the railroad bridge. At Stone Boulder's Coal Works, opposite McKeesport, a new barge broke loose and floated away.

At about noon the dock of Messrs. Horner & Sons, at McClung's Landing, broke loose and floated away, with a coal boat attached. The dock came over the dam and was broadside against the piers of the upper Birmingham bridge. O'Neil's coal fleet was moored to this pier, and was in eminent danger from the dock. The formidable object, however, broke in two and the separated halves were rounded on each side of the pier, barely missing the fleet. One coal boat, belonging to the Grand Lake Coal Company, moored near the Point, was struck by a flat and sunk.

At Elizabeth this morning a number of coal boats and barges, and a large quantity of lumber and log rafts, principally belonging to Capt. Joe Walton, were swept away. It is estimated that the loss will reach $20,000.

AT MONONGAHELA.

About twelve o'clock a mass of lumber, empty coal boats, boat bottoms, etc., were swept away from the landing of Phillips & Mittenzwel, at Brownstown, and was carried rapidly down by the current. The floating mass struck two flats of coal belonging to McKnight, Duncan & Co., of the Birmingham Iron Works, moored on the same side of the river, sinking both of them. Passing over the dam, a loaded coal boat belonging to Wm. Clark was struck and sunk; the mass passed by the piers of the Birmingham bridge and the railroad bridge, but struck and carried with it two empty barges and one empty flat boat belonging to Walton & Co. These in turn were carried down with the current, and struck the head of a tow coal of barges in tow of the Lion, breaking the barges in one flat, and breaking the cam and damaging the wheel of the steamer. A barge in tow of the Niagara, belonging to Walton & Co., was also injured by the same mass of wrecked matter.

THE LOSSES.

It is impossible at present to estimate closely the total loss by the flood. The item of coal alone will amount to perhaps sixty thousand dollars, and it is thought that the total loss on the Monongahela will not fall far short of three hundred thousand dollars.

AT MIDNIGHT.

Last night at twelve o'clock the river stood 19 feet10 inches, and was about on a stand. It is thought that the climax is reached, or that it will not rise above twenty feet. No further losses could be ascertained, and no more are anticipated.

Produce and Commission.

The well known Produce and Commission's House of Messrs. W. J. Steel & Co., which has become one of the leading institutions of Pittsburgh, hardly needs attention called to it, but its patrons and others would do well to remember that the firm have made extensive arrangements for their spring trade and will be enabled, even in a larger degree than ever before to accommodate their customers. Their headquarters, No. 285 Liberty street, are just now stocked with their particular line of goods, consisting of produces of all kinds, and all descriptions of canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, pickles, sauces and other delicacies to tickle the palate, all of which are fresh. The large trade engaged by the house enables the firm to change their stock frequently, and thus keep it always new and good—the quality of the goods being one of the chief reasons of their success.

In one other particular also, the sale of Baltimore oysters, Messrs. Steel & Co. take the lead, and supply fully three-fifths of the bivalves which are sold in the grocery stores of the two cities, and the suburbs, besides daily shipments to other points. They enjoy so near a monopoly in this branch, that it would be supererogatory to dwell upon their success.

The business of the firm is transacted with dispatch, and consigners will find every satisfaction in dealing with them. They always get the best the market will allow, and their patrons secure every advantage of experience, promptitude, quick settlements and reasonable commissions in dealing with them. They are worthy of every patronage.

Cause of Gov. Geary's Death.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

If, as the physicians who made the post mortem examination report, the death of Governor Geary was occasioned by syncope—fainting—why was no effort made to resuscitate? Everybody knows that fainting is only a temporary suspension of the functions of life, and a fatal termination is extremely rare. It is entirely too common, even for physicians to ascribe almost every sudden death to heart disease; and yet very few cases show any actual disease of the heart. Perhaps the late Napoleon's death might have been syncope, especially as no embolism was discovered by a post mortem examination. Possibly chloroform. MEDICUS.

***Mr. Charles H. Buckalew publishes a card denying the statement going the rounds of the papers to the effect that he has been appointed attorney for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at a salary of $10,000. He says there is not the slightest foundation for the statement.

THE COOLIES.

The Excitement at Beaver Falls—The Citizens' Committee Wait Upon the Economites—The Case Plainly Stated—What the Beaver Falls People Ask—Their Conference at Economy—Prospect of an Amicable Adjustment of the Difficulties.

Yesterday morning, in pursuance of instructions, the Committee of Citizens from Beaver Falls waited upon the leaders of the Economy Society, at Economy, to give expressions to their views in relation to the employment of Chinese in the Cutlery Works, at Beaver Falls. The Committee, it will be remembered, was appointed at the public meeting held at Beaver Falls, last week, consisting of Messrs. Daniel Bernard, Robert Duncan, J. C. McGowan, Jr., M. Hawkins, Robert Newton, F. Rohkaste, W. Harrison, Jos. Diemer and Joseph Anderson. When they set out on their mission, yesterday morning, however, they were reinforced by a large delegation of citizens, so that when the visitors were all on board the cars, the party was found to consist of about one hundred and ten persons, representing the business interests and property holders of Beaver Falls.

The party arrived at Economy about nine o'clock, were kindly received by the Economites, and, under the leadership of Mr. Lenz, one of the trustees of the Society, marched through the town to the chapel, in which it was proposed to hold the conference. In the chapel we felt sure that they would act upon the golden rule of "Doing to others as they would have others do to them."

Mr. Inman, a very elderly man, contended that the employment of Chinese had raised a wall of strong feeling against Judge Logan, and argued that the Mongolians could be returned to their own country, and the works placed on a paying basis.

After the Beaver Falls people had thus clearly expressed their views, Mr. Lenz was called upon. He replied however that his people were not ready to give an answer at once. The Trustees and the Committee of the Society had heard the statements made, and would communicate to the Society, and in a few days—as soon as practicable, consistent with a reasonable consideration of the subject—an answer would be given.

The Conference then ended and the visitors were driven to the depot. Before the train was in readiness for departure, however, the feeling is gaining strength that present prices cannot and will not be maintained, and as might be expected, the depositors in the Savings Bank are making preparations to draw their money, and by Monday morning there will be a perfect run on the institution. Many of these depositors are poor people, who have been induced to settle there under the promise of permanent employment. He hoped that the Society would see that they were much benefited by the permanent growth and prosperity of Beaver Falls and surrounding country than in the cutlery at the expense of the former.

Mr. Hanner made a brief address in German. He contended that the action of the company in employing the coolies, and thus degrading labor, was a burning shame, and was in direct opposition to the characteristic policy of Germans in general. He contended that it would be a lasting curse to

HOME NEWS.

List of Letters Held for Postage:

Miss Lulu Baldwin, Oxford, O., 3c; J. K. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2c, Arthur De Long, Pittsburgh, Pa., 3c; Ralph Elliott, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2c; A. L. Gibson, Claremont, Pa., 3c; Elizabeth Jones, Paducah, Ky., 3c; Dr. Stucke, N. Philadelphia, Pa., 3c; Mrs. M. Stattendield, Wilkinsburg, Pa., 3c.

Mayor's Accounts.

The committee appointed to audit the Mayor's accounts held a meeting last night, Mr. John W. Riddell presiding. Several witnesses were examined, who testified the Mayor's accounts were not sworn and presented quarterly. An opinion was read from City Solicitor Bigelow, stating that the accounts should be presented monthly, and be certified to, after which the meeting adjourned.

The Government Buildings.

The Committee of Citizens appointed at a citizens meeting last year to urge upon Congress the need of new Government Buildings in Pittsburgh, will hold another meeting this afternoon at three o'clock. It consists of Messrs. Jared M. Brush, Wm. Mechling, Esq., W. K. Hart, Esq., J. Harvey Jones, Esq., A. H. Gross, M. D., James P. Barr, Josiah, Kling, Esq., W. K. Nimick, Esq., and Col. Wm. Phillips. They have once visited Washington in pursuance of their appointment and it is proposed to go on again and interview Congress.

Off the Track.

The locomotive of the New Castle accommodation, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, which leaves here at 1:05 P. M., jumped the track yesterday afternoon, about one mile below Dixmont. The engine plowed into the mud nearly two feet, though no one was injured, and the locomotive was but slightly damaged. Considerable trouble and delay was experienced in switching the trains about the wreck. At eleven o'clock last night the workmen had not yet succeeded in getting the locomotive back on the rails.

The Lost Coal Packets.

The following loaded coal boats are reported as having been sunk by the flood:

	Boats.	Barges.	Flats, &c.
Frazier & Fry			3
J. P. Smith & Co	2	4	
S. Hormert & Sons			1
J. C. Risher & Co	2	2	
Stelb & Co	1	1	
Samuel Cable	3		
——Redmond	1partly		
H. H. Collins	1		
John McCleskey	1		
Wm. Clark & Co	1		
George Miller			1 fl.b.
Grand Lake Coal Co	2		
McKight, Duncan & Co			1
John Dippold			1
Clark & Walthour	2		
McGowan & Council	1		
John Feeney	2		
Boyd & McCune	1		
V. F. Wilson & own	1		
Riddle, Coleman & Co	1		
Total	12	13	12

These boats it is estimated contained about *four hundred and thirty-six thousand bushels*, valued at $30,520. The value of the boats was about $50,000.

The Religious Amendment.

The following is a list of the names of the delegates appointed to attend the National Convention for the Religious Amendment of the Constitution, to be held in New York on the 26th instant:

Hon. Felix R. Brunot, Messrs. J. F. Crozier, S. R. Wallace, Wm. Nesbit, T. J. Allen, Theo. Hunter, Rev. McChurkin, J. M. Foster, Rev. Wm. Fulton, Rev. Wm. Everard, D. D., Rev. Thos. Simpson, Rev. D. Thorn, Messrs. Jos. Leitch, M. G. Ewer, S. M. Orr, Jas. Brady, John Pratt, D. R. Ingram, D. Macferren, Rev. W. P. Scott, Rev. Wm. H. Knox, Rev. A. M. Milligan, Prof. J. R. W. Sloane, D. D., Rev. Mr. Witherspoon, Rev. S. Collins, Messrs. D. Chesnut, Thos. Jamison, Isaac Taylor, Rev. D. B. Willson, Mr. J. Morrison, Mr. J. McKee, Prof. Geo. P. Hays, Hon. Mr. Lewis Johnston, Prof. Neale, Rev. John Wesley Tirey, Rev. S. B. Reed, Mr. J. Spear, Dr. D. Metheney, Mr. John Euwer, Sr. D. Gregg, Rev. J. M. Johnson, Rev. Dr. Scotel, Rev. Mr. Galley, Rev. S. B. Fenier, William M. Gormley and Robert Munroe.

All the delegates will receive certificates and tickets by calling upon D. Chestnut, Esq., 149 Liberty street. The delegates are expected to leave Pittsburgh on Tuesday, the 25th instant.

We are requested to give notice that there will be a meeting of all the delegates held on Thursday next, in the United Presbyterian Book Rooms, Ninth street, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Allingham Homicide.

A special to the *Evening Chronicle* of yesterday says: The Allingham homicide case is exciting intense interest in our community. The town is filled with witnesses and others from that section of the country which the murder occurred. It is stated that about seventy-five witnesses have been subpœnaed on each side. It will be recollected by your readers, that old John Allingham, a well known resident of Evesdersville township, was killed on the night of December 4th, under circumstances of marvelous ingenuity and atrocity, and that a colored man named Henry Brierley was arrested as the guilty party. Brierley has been in our jail since the evening of December 6, and has since conducted himself with marked propriety. The prosecution is represented by District Attorney Thomas H. Baird, and N. Richardson and Hanson Good of Wheeling, and the defense by D. F. Patterson, Boyd Crumrine and George O. Jones, all of this place. This morning the Grand Jury returned a true bill against Brierley, and the case was immediately called for trial, when the following persons were empanelled as jurors: David McGimpsey, farmer, Donegal; R. T. Robinson, farmer, Carroll; H. P. McCoy, farmer, Ballard; Thomas Lindley, farmer, Morris; George J. Long, carpenter, California; Alexander Haft, merchant, Charters; John McBirney, farmer, Mount Pleasant; Joseph Patterson, farmer, Hopewell; William H. Cook, farmer, Canton, and William R. Mellwaine, farmer, Somerset. At this point Court adjourned till 2 P. M.

Coal at Louisville.

The following list will show the coal at Louisville, February 15, 1873:

	Boats.	Barges.
John Penny	5	
John Keeling	12	
O'Neil & Co	2	
Farrow, Gumbert & Co	7	
George Lyon & Son	1	
Warner & Carothers	2	
Joseph Watton & Co	3	2
Thomas Fawcett & Son	16	
R. & A. Wason	10	
John V. M'Donald	1	
N. J. Bigley	5	
Michael Duffey	1	
McCloskey & Dudley	1	
Frazier & Floyd	2	
Blackmore & Son	3	
J. C. Risher & Co	5	
Miller, Nesbet & Co	1	
James Lynn & Son	2	
Simpson, Horner & Son	5	
Clarke & Son	2	
P. H. Corcoran	1	
Hodgins & Mort	3	
Foster & Clark	1	
W. H. Brown	14	
BELOW THE FALLS.		
Simpson, Horner & Sons	3	
R. & J. Watson	1	
W. H. Brown	6	
Total	97	26

Averaging the coal boats at 22,000 bushels and the barges at 11,000, the total stock at Louisville is 2,420,000 bushels.

THE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION.

The Pittsburghers Designated to Attend the Preliminary Meeting.

Mayor Blackmore yesterday issued the following card at the request of a number of influential citizens.

I do hereby appoint the following named gentlemen as a committee to represent the city of Pittsburgh at the Centennial Commemoration Convention to be held in the city of Philadelphia on the 22d day of February, A. D. 1873, and I extend a hope that all or a majority of said committee will attend:

B. F. Jones, Charles Armstrong, W. D Moore, James Park, jr., John Bock, C. G. Hussey, J. K. Moorhead, W. Eichbaum, C. W. Batchelor, August Ammon, T. B. Atterbury, Charles Meyran, Samuel Orens, Charles Henne, Sam. Bradley, Chas. F. Schwartz, J. W. Cook, G. J. Young, C. P. Caughey, W. M. Shinn, R. C. Gray, J. McCreight, M. K. Woodwell, J. P. Barr, W. H. Smith, F. M. Hutchinson, John Moore, Josiah King, D. O'Neil and John Murray.

JAMES BLACKMORE, Mayor.

AN INDIAN DELEGATION.

What a Squaw Thinks of the Rights of the Winnebagos.

Win-ne-shook or Short Wing, Ca-le-mon, Waugh-so-nila-ig, Cho-noc-in-ge, chiefs of the Winnebago tribe, and Mary Crane, a civilized squaw who acted as interpreter, were at the Union Depot Hotel yesterday, en route to Washington, to see the Great Father. Our reporter seeing that "Mary" was educated and much above the average of Indians, concluded to interview her and ask her a few questions in regard to their mission. She stated that they had come from La Crosse, Wisconsin, in the vicinity of which they have their lodges. There were only four lodges of them, the balance had received annuities from the Government, and had been removed, but they had neither received or asked any. It is not their desire to remove, but they do not wish to go. They were poor. They had come thus far through the whiteman's kindness, and expected to get to Washington in that way. She said they were peaceable and honest, to prove which, she showed the reporter several testimonials from the most prominent citizens of La Crosse, including the Postmaster, Sheriff, mayor, and several officials. They went to Washington to lay before the President their grievances, which they knew he would make right, as they had heard he was very kind, and a Christian. They say it is proposed to move them, to send them far off in the West, where they do not want to go. They want to take from them the little land they cultivate. They ask nothing but right from the white man. They were peaceful, and believed in the Christian religion.

The party looked very quaint, and attracted a large crowd about them upon their arrival in the depot. The police on duty there did all they could to keep the crowd back.

Unlike other Indians these were clean, and showed some semblance of civilization. The chief, Short Wing, was beautifully adorned with an army hat (he looks about sixty), an old beaver overcoat, a pair of flannel drawers, and all the beautiful concomitants of the Indian race, including brass earrings, war paint, etc. The balance were dressed in the costume usual to the noble red man. The woman wore a calico dress, and a string of small red beads that weighed no less than thirty pounds. Her panier was left in her far off wigwam.

TAXES ON CORPORATIONS.

Movement for Their Repeal.

Meeting of Manufacturers and Miners Yesterday—The Discriminations of the Tax Denounced—The Matter to be Brought Before the Legislature—Committee Appointed to Conduct the Business—An Association Formed—A Petition Deserving of Consideration.

Yesterday afternoon, pursuant to public call, a meeting of those interested in our industrial enterprises was held at the rooms of the Iron Association, No. 81 Fourth avenue. There were in attendance representatives of sixty of our largest manufacturing establishments, and the proceedings were marked with a harmony of sentiment and a determination that augured well for the accomplishment of the aim in view.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour, Maj. Wm. Frew, on motion of Capt. Batsolor, being called upon to preside, and Mr. Thomas N. Miller being chosen Secretary.

Mr. Frew, after the organization of the meeting, stated in general terms that its object was to institute measures looking to a modification of the tax law in relation to corporations in Pennsylvania so as to place them on a footing with corporations in other States.

A FEW FEATURES OF THE TAX.

Mr. Ralph Bagaley being called upon for a further explanation, stated that the manufacturing and joint stock corporations of Pennsylvania had long been laboring under a most oppressive discrimination of taxes, and in response to a feeling which had become general over the State, the meeting had been called to institute some measures looking toward a repeal or modification of these unjust discriminations. As an instance of how the system of Pennsylvania worked injuriously to the State, he quoted from statistics, showing that in Ohio, where corporations were not so taxed, there had been four hundred and nine corporations organized last year with an aggregate capital of $142,450,960, while hardly a fourth of that number of companies could be shown to have been commenced in Pennsylvania in the same time. In Ohio, the expense of organizing a company was three dollars, after which the company had no further tax to pay. In Pennsylvania there were five taxes.

"1. On all the lands, buildings and improvements, represented by the stock of the company, there are the same taxes which are imposed on the individual operator.

"2. They must pay the Commonwealth a bonus of one-quarter of one per cent. on their authorized capital stock.

"3. They must pay an annual tax on their capital stock of one-half mill for each one per cent. of dividends declared.

"4. They must pay a tax of three per cent. on the entire amount of their net earnings or income.

"5. They must pay a tax of five per cent. on all interest paid to bondholders, or other creditors."

These taxes just represented the operations ges to which parties investing well attested were subject; and yet it was more than anything fact that corporations ests of the State; these to develop the as bars against corporations disadvantageously against the best interests of and the city.

Such was the reason for the movement in Pittsburgh—one which had its counterpart in various parts of the State. In Erie many were present, the speaker, had received a letter showing that they were working there, and also had a copy of an act which the manufacturers of Erie county had forwarded to their representative in the Legislature. The act proposed a complete repeal of all taxes that would make any discrimination between the company and the individual. The Legislature might not be induced to go that far although in justice they should, but there was also a movement of a similar kind in Philadelphia. The speaker here read a letter from Mr. Cyrus Elder, who was heading the movement in Philadelphia, in which the writer, urged a concert of action all over the State, and expressed the opinion that the people were with them, and that the movement would succeed if properly pressed. He further urged the importance of not only appealing to the Legislature, but of bringing the matter before the Constitutional Convention.

The speaker further said that he had sent a number of circulars in reference to the matter to various points in the State, and from all quarters received the most satisfactory evidence of the unanimity of sentiment in regard to it.

MOVEMENT IN PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. Wm. M. Shinn said he was familiar with the movement in Philadelphia. It was an effort which was begun there last winter, but not pushed very actively. This winter it had been renewed, and in effect proposed to get the repeal of one tax altogether, and to revise and modify the other, and that any corporation which divided its earnings with the operators should be free from the tax on earnings. The movement was going forward with evidences of ultimate success.

He represented three corporations all of which were heartily in favor of the movement.

The chair suggested that it might now be proper to appoint whatever Committeess were necessary.

Mr. Bagaley moved the appointment of five as an Executive Committee and three on Finance.

Mr. C. W. Batchelor, suggested that before the appointment of any committees it might be well to consider how they might proceed. He said there was no question but that the tax was an unjust one, and that the manufacturers had the sympathy and doubtless would have the aid of the officials with them in remedying the evil. The matter had been referred to by two Governors—our deceased ex-Governor and our present Governor—and both had unqualifiedly disapproved of the tax. In view of such public notice being given then he thought that they as Directors of Companies would be doing wrong to their stockholders as well as to themselves not to immediately use every exertion to bring the matter fairly before the Legislature and respectfully ask their action. He believed they would have the support of the officers of the State and of the Legislature, and all right minded men who looked to the advancement of the interests of the State. He had been in Harrisburg a few days ago and in conversation with State Treasurer Mackey had been informed by that official that he (the Treasurer) had a bill in preparation to be presented for the repeal of the onerous taxes, on net earnings, and all that now was needed was co-operation and concert of action.

The speaker favored a mass convention of all the manufacturers of the State at Harrisburg, as a better method of accomplishing their purpose, than committees.

Mr. Bagaley said he had asked Mr. Elder, who had given the subject great attention, upon that point, and in reply had cited to him the reception of the Philadelphia Centennial Commission as a sample of how the Legislature would treat any mass convention. He thought a mass convention would damage rather than help them.

Hon. Robert McKnight thought it would hardly be judicious to have a mass convention in Harrisburg. It would be better to act quietly and in concert with the parties in Philadelphia, Erie and other parts of the State. This was not a new matter. It had been agitated for years and it was now only revived with greater force than ever before.

Mr. Miller thought that a Mass Convention at Harrisburg might have a good effect. They had been trying for years through individual efforts and Committees and had availed nothing. He thought if they held a meeting at Harrisburg they could discuss the matter and bring it more directly before the Legislature, and exercise an influence which they could not bring to bear as individuals and Committees.

Mr. Thomas M. Carnegie thought the Mass Convention in Harrisburg the best plan. It would show to the Legislature that there was an unanimity of sentiment among the manufacturers in relation to the matter, and would enable them to be on the ground to meet all objections to the repeal. Then, besides, there would be an additional advantage in meeting in Harrisburg, as that was the centre of perhaps the greatest manufacturing interests of the State. The committees in the State located near and around Harrisburg, and the influence from that source could there be united and made much more effective.

RADICAL REPEAL SUGGESTED.

Mr. John F. Dravo was heartily in favor of the Executive Committee. He believed in the persistent, energetic work of a committee rather than a mass convention, and he thought they ought to go further than merely asking a modification of the taxes. He was in favor of the radical repeal and offered a resolution favoring a repeal of all taxes on corporations that were above those put on individuals in business. He looked on these taxes as essentially anti-Republican, as opposed to the very spirit of our institution. A, for instance, was a rich man—had $100,000 and could invest it in an enterprise, without being unduly oppressed with taxes. But half a dozen other men each with small capital, combined their money to do exactly the same business, and as soon as their company was organized they were meet with a discriminating tax that was equal to eight per cent. Was this not discriminating against the poor? Was it not against the very genius of our institutions? Was it giving every man fair play?

The Chair thought the resolution hardly in order until the matter in reference to the Committee was disposed of.

Mr. McKnight suggested that if the Committee was made larger that all views might be met and harmonized.

Mr. Batchelor thought that this would meet with full authority in the matter, and directed to do all that seemed to them expedient and proper in accomplishing the end in view.

A "LOGICAL" VIEW.

Mr. Dravo believed in being logically right to commence with, and then getting all they could of their rights. He thought there was no reason under the canopy of Heaven, or in all this broad land, why any discrimination should be made against him in a corporate capacity that was not imposed as an individual. He therefore offered the following:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this meeting all taxes imposed upon corporations or associations, essentially different from those imposed upon individual capital or enterprise, should be repealed as an unjust discrimination against parties of small means, and as prejudicial to the industries of the Commonwealth.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

AN ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Mr. T. N. Miller suggested that it would be wise to organize themselves into a permanent organization of manufacturers and miners, for the purpose of furthering the interest of these branches of business. He incorporated his suggestion in the form of a motion, which was adopted.

Mr. David Aiken moved the appointment of a committee to consider and report a plan for permanent organization, officers, &c. Harrisel, and Messrs. David Aiken, T. N. Miller and Ralph Bagaley appointed.

Mr. Bagaley, in further commenting upon the effect which this discrimination had on Pennsylvania's industries, stated that he knew of a company that had just been organized under the New York laws, which put no tax on the corporations.

Mr. W. A. Herron said he represented two companies. One was organized under the Ohio law, and the other under New York. They had found it impossible to organize under the Pennsylvania law and have a fair show.

THE PETITION.

Mr. Bagaley then read the following petition, which had been proposed to be forwarded to Harrisburg, and to which manufacturers from all parts of the States had authorized the affixing of their names.

IRON ASSOCIATION ROOMS,
PITTSBURGH, February 18, 1873.

DEAR SIR: As representatives of the industrial corporations of Western Pennsylvania, in Convention met, to take measures looking to a modification of the present tax laws of the State, we desire to make a personal appeal to you for your aid and influence in our behalf. Our object is to secure a repeal of the present system, so as to relieve ourselves from the great burdens imposed by it.

You cannot be unaware that a movement of no little importance is on foot throughout the whole commonwealth looking to such the accomplishment of the end we seek. Such movement, we assure you, does not originate in any class organization, but is the natural result of an evil which has made itself apparent in all corporations subject to these burdensome taxes.

These tax laws are, in our judgment, sapping the wealth of the State; they are injurious to her best interests; they discourage labor; they drive away capital; they encourage dishonesty, and will lessen, we firmly believe, in the long run, the revenue of the State. They are unjust, unequal, and in contrast with the laws of other States, and illiberal in a marked degree.

Is there any good reason why they should be continued?

The question is confidently asked in the belief that none but a negative reply can be made. The messages of our Governors, the Press of the State, the theory of social scientists and above all, our own experience, all suggest such a reply, and we now urge, upon you as custodians of the public interest and guardians of the Commonwealth to exert your influence toward moulding into the organic law of the State a just and equitable provision for the protection of the interests of industrial corporations.

The people will sustain you in so doing. As your constituents, we respectfully urge you to take in hand this subject; and as your constituents we do so with confidence in the belief that our interests are matters of thought and attent with you. We would respectfully add that some movement be inaugurated at the present session which shall test the Legislature as to the merits, and if even fear the result of the action on the question an honest and

We ask your course in this matter with interest.

Very respectfully, yours,

W. Batchelor, Magie Bottles, Geo. C. McCarthy, Standard Nut Co.; John Scott, Manuel Coal and Coke Co.; E. Kaylor, Pittsburgh

Wilder, Corry Manufacturing and Lumber Co.; Catasauqua Manufacturing Co.; C. R. Paxton, Bloomsburg Iron Co.; James H. Mitchell, Pittsburgh National Coal and Coke Co.; R. Taylor, Pittsburgh Manufacturing Co.; John Wilson, Richards & Hartley, Fitat Glass Co.; W. W. Young, Loyalhanna Coal Co.; Alexander Gordon, Duquesne Coal Co.; D. A. Stewart, Columbia Oil Co., and Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Works; Geo. Westinghouse, Jr., Westinghouse Air Brake Co.; W. D. Miller, Pittsburgh Coal and Mining Co.; Wm. Phillipp, Pittsburgh Car Manufacturing Co., and Phillipp Handle and Machine Co.; Wm. A. McIntosh, New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Co.; James M. Bailey, Pittsburgh Coal Co.; Samuel Jacobus, Jones & Nimick, Manufacturing Co.; Geo. Westinghouse, Jr., Westinghouse Continental Brake Co.; W. Firmstone, Glendon Iron Co.; Shenango Furnace Co.; J. H. Linville, Keystone Bridge Co.; Edward C. Biddle, Westmoreland Coal Co.; J. T. Knight, Thomas Iron Co.; Theodore R. Tack, Cleveland Rolling Co., and Pittsburgh & Baltimore Coal, Coak and Iron Co.; Wm. M. Shinn, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, and Pennsylvania Company; K. Leighton, Bellpipe Manufacturing Co., and Triumph Oil Co.; Henry Rosenbach, Western Pennsylvania Oil Co. and Venango Central Oil Co.; Alexander Bates per Pittsburgh Oil Exchange Co., East End Life Insurance and Improving Co., East End City Deposit Bank & Trust Co.; W. J. Bennett, Crystal Glass Co.; W. H. Dennistoun, East End Gas Co.; John F. Dravo, Pittsburgh and Connellsville Gas, Coal and Coke Co.; and by the officers of the meeting representing sixty manufacturing companies.

After the petition had been signed, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

THE COURTS.

Yesterday's Proceedings.

COMMON PLEAS—JUDGE COLLIER.

In the case of Thomas McDonald vs. John McGleusey, being an action to recover damages for alleged injuries sustained, the jury is out.

The next case taken up was that of R. H. Woolfolk vs. A. Miller, Sr., et al., being an action of debt. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,-351 66.

In the case of Jos. B. Herlop vs. Michael Woods, on motion of attorney for defendant, a rule was granted to show cause why the judgment in the case should not be set aside and defendant let into a defense, and in the meantime a stay of proceedings is ordered.

The case of the Oneida National Bank New of York vs. Mazna, was brought for the purpose of deciding the legality of a transfer of securities made by the late Phillip Mertz, banker, made the day before his death. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

219. Hand, Jr., vs. Burke & Barnes.
92. Hutchinson vs. Williams et al.
99. Lidell & Mechling vs. McCombs.
143. Reiter vs. Cohen.
159. Cochran vs. Pittsburgh Ormsby Passenger Railway Co.
160. Same vs. same.
2. Furviance vs. Shaum.
11. Seggebrack vs. Miller.
12. Same vs. same.
14. Merrimon vs. Denniston et al.
15. Geeg vs. Geeg.

DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE KIRKPATRICK.

In the case of Weisenberger vs. Louther, Cowan & Co., reported yesterday, the jury is out.

The next case taken up was that of Daniel Farvey vs. James Gilson, Thomas Jackson, Robt. Holden, William Holden, James Strathaint and Louis Sweinberger. This is an action brought to recover damage in the sum of ten thousand dollars for injuries alleged to have been received in being carried about the village of Braddock's Field, on a rail, by defendants, on the 23d of July last. The plaintiff alleges that after riding him through the streets in this manner and otherwise abusing him, the defendants conveyed him to a certain public office and there imprisoned him for an hour, at the same time compelling him against his will to take an oath to the 'squire in charge of the office administering the oath that he would then and there leave his home and residence, and never return thereto. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

125. Henry Brown vs. John B. Snead.
200. Lawrence Purcell vs. P. A. Maderia.
201. M. B. Cochran vs. S. Dunifee & Son.
158. Luther & Tyson vs. *Bearing Mill.*
87. John McGeary vs. Bernard Van Lunna.
6. Alexander McClurg, for use, vs Wm. T. M. McClurg.
7. B. W. Morgan & Co., for use, vs. Chas. A. Kehew, et al.
9. Kleer & Hall vs. Jessup Mill.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE M'CANDLESS.

In this court, Messrs. Koller & Bitting, of Philadelphia, filed a petition for the adjudication in bankruptcy of Richard B. Brady, of Northumberland county. The usual order was issued.

H. J. Dink, of this city, filed a voluntary petition for adjudication in bankruptcy. Referred to register Harper.

On petition of Simon DeGraff, one of the Directors of the Onondaga Iron and Nail Works, of Lawrence county, bankrupts, an order was made staying proceeding in the case, and appointing Register Shafer to take testimony and report the same.

A petition of assignee, presented, an order was made confirming the sale of the real estate of George J. Rogers, bankrupt, of Cambria county.

A. A. Adams, Esq., Assistant District Attorney, made application for a writ of habeas corpus, directed to Superintendent Corder, of the County Work House, asking that he be directed to bring Kate Raney, now confined in that institution, into Court, as it was desirable to have her testify for the United States vs. Jeremiah Holland. The writ was granted and made returnable forthwith.

The case of the United States vs. Joseph B. Fricke, indicted for perjury, was taken up. The defendant is charged with having sworn and subscribed, before Alderman Neubert, to an application for a patent for an "improvement in lightning rods," in which he claimed to be the original inventor. It is alleged that he was not the original inventor, and that the oath he swore to claiming to be such was false, the defendant made his application for the patent. On motion of Assistant Attorney Adams, W. D. Moore and J. A. Emery, Esqs., were sworn to act as attorneys for the United States in the case. This case promises to be one of considerable interest, and will occupy the court for several days. Before securing a full panel of jurors court adjourned until this morning.

Amusements.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—If the "Three Blind Mice" could only see the crowd they were drawing at this house, they would complacently smile and say: "Oh!" Tony Denier, as clown, gives a very creditable performance. His troupe receive from the immense audiences who gather to witness them nightly. The pantomime will be performed the balance of the week and at the matinee on Saturday.

AIMS' AMERICAN THEATRE.—The troupe engaged here this week is unexceptionable, and is a decided and pleasant variation from last week's scenes. The various artists engaged are well up in their line, and present a programme of rare excellence and *acceptable* merit in its line.

TRIMBLE'S VARIETIES.—The noble band of warriors who gather upon the stage of this establishment nightly, furnish amusement sufficient to satisfy the large audiences who gather thereto. The drama of the "Union Scout," with its full military band, adds largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Rev. Henry Morgan will tell this evening "Why Men Don't Marry" at this house. He will undoubtedly have a full house.

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THE BEAVER FALLS COOLIES.

Another Meeting of the Citizens—Report of the Committee which Visited Economy—Resolutions Adopted—The General Sentiments of the People.

The inhabitants of Beaver Falls in general, and those into whose shoes the coolies have stepped, in particular, took occasion last evening to give another expression to their feelings on the subject of cheap labor. The meeting had been called at Lafayette Hall, on Main street, to receive the report of the committee which visited Economy on Monday. Although the notice had not been given very long beforehand, and not very extensively circulated, the attendance was very large, the hall being crowded so its utmost capacity. Many of the professional and business men of the town were present, and other points near Beaver Falls were largely represented.

At half-past seven the meeting was called to order by electing Mr. David Barnhard Chairman and Mr. William Harrison, Secretary. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting, and said that as Mr. John Aiken, the spokesman of the delegation which visited Economy, was not present, he would call on Mr. C. R. Lester to make the report.

Mr. Lester said that there was nothing special to report, as the committee had not yet received a definite reply from the Economites. Mr. Lester proceeded to describe in detail the visit of the delegation, an account of which was published in the GAZETTE yesterday. The Economites, he said, had promised to take into consideration the demands of the delegation, and present them with a written reply within a week.

The chairman spoke of the hospitable reception which had been accorded to the large delegation, numbering one hundred and ten persons, and thought that by that visit, a great deal had been accomplished towards the end in view.

Dr. Garrett was invited to address the meeting, and came forward to the platform and said, that the object of the meeting was simply to receive the report of the committee which went to Economy, and they were not now prepared to do much more, except to urge all to keep encouraged to continue their efforts in the good cause. The Doctor described the reception of the committee, and thought that the manner in which they were treated was a strong indication that the difficulty would be harmoniously arranged; it was only necessary for all to exhibit patience. We had passed through the votes are struggle, and may enter upon the direction. tearibis if our influce together—hold up not turned in the Mongolian race will The Doctor urged our friends to remain. There each other by mobs or violence. Let us but soon go by the power of the ballot which we is no us. He was very glad to see the way the men of Beaver Falls had acted after being defeated as they had been, and had gained a real moral VICTORY. The speaker closed by urging all to continue the course of moderation which they had persued, and predicted that all would soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

Mr. Frank Pringle, the speaker were often interrupted by applause, and at the close a deafening round of cheers was given.

Mr. William Harrison offered the following resolutions which were read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily disapprove of the remarks made by two persons at our last meeting in Concert Hall. Their aim seemed to be to manufacture an impression that the present spontaneous movement of the citizens of this county, against Coolie importations, was prompted by a few individuals, and that it contained many germs of violence and mischief. We brand such accusations as an insult to the people.

Resolved, That the peaceful and orderly visit to Economy, yesterday, of a delegation number ing one hundred citizens, is worthy of commendations, and gives manifest proof on the part of those who uttered them, of either ignorance of the true feelings of the people, or a disposition to slander fellow citizens.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Gearing for the gratuitous use of Concert Hall at our last meeting.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned, to re-assemble at the call of the President.

While there seems to be very little indication that violence will be resorted to by the people of Beaver Falls, there is a very strong and universal feeling of opposition to the use of Coolie business which the employement of the cutlery works has adopted, and an equally prevalent desire to rid the community, as soon as possible, of the Celestials. At present, all seem willing to await the reply of the Economites before taking any further action. The general impression seems to be that a majority of the members of the society are themselves opposed to employing Chinamen in the works, and some of them it is said were aware of the movement before the invoice had actually arrived. What the result will be in case the Society should refuse accede to the demands of the citizens is difficult to tell; we think, however, that the sentiment of the people would justify the prediction that some agitation will occur if another importation of cheap Chinamen is attempted.

THE CENTRAL BOARD.

Adjourned Meeting Yesterday—The Standing Committees for 1873—Applications to the Board—Opposed to the Proposed New Act.

Yesterday afternoon the Central Board of Education held an adjourned meeting at their rooms, No. 81 Fourth avenue. Present: Messrs. Aughinbaugh, Case, Cohen, Craig, Fleming, Harper, Jope, Kehew, Lewis, Mason, McEwen, Praetsch, Rankin, Shultz, Strain, Wilkinson, Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fleming moved that the minutes of the last meeting be published in the city papers, and observed that the reports of the proceedings in the papers were incorrect. He desired to have the minutes published, in order that the public might know whether the reporters made correct reports. The motion was postponed.

The President then read the names of the committees. Following are the committees:

Finance—Wilson, Praetsch, Rankin, Cohen and Aughinbaugh.

High School—Sterrett, Shaw, Lewis, Harper and Case.

Teachers and Salaries—Nobbs, Mitchell, Lewis, Pitcairn and Fleming.

Text Books and Grades—McEwen, Wilkinson, Rankin, Jope and Graham.

Miller Street School—Kehew, McEwan, Fleming and Mason.

Music—Case, Wilkinson, Caldwell, Turney and Hemlup.

Rules and Regulations—Cohen, Mason, Kehew, Vaughan and McClurg.

Evening Schools—Strain, Nobbs, Sims, Schultz and Jope.

Printing—Mitchell, Strain, Barker, Pitcairn and Aughinbaugh.

Examinations—Harper, Cohen, Wilson, Ahl and Praetsch.

Vacations—Caldwell, Hemlup, Fleming, Ahl and Kimmel.

Mute School—Shaw, Sterrett, Sims, McClurg and Jope.

Supplies—Harper, Sims, Nobbs, Case and Strain.

Mr. Case moved that the Chairman be made ex-officio member of the Committee on High School, Music and Finance.

Mr. Cohen desired to know why exception should be made. He thought that the Chairman was in one sense ex-officio member of committees.

The motion was put to a vote and lost.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Committee on Legislation be made a standing committee. Carried.

Mr. Lewis moved that algebra be stricken from the list of studies.

Mr. Case moved that the motion be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. Lewis moved that algebra be carried on as far as the second equations.

Mr. Case objected. He thought the motion was out of order. He hoped the motion would be laid on the table. Carried.

The Secretary read a communication from the Phi Kappa Psi Literary Society of the High School asking for twenty-five dollars to defray the printing expenses attending the printing of the constitution of the society. Referred to the proper committee.

Mr. Lewis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Board earnestly request our representatives to oppose the passage of the bill repealing the act regulating the election of school directors, when there are two or more election precincts in one sub-school district, as the repealing of this law will necessitate the dividing of several sub-districts, and thereby entail additional expense on the city without any advantage to the schools in said districts.

The resolution was submitted to a vote and passed.

Mr. Strain submitted a communication asking that Mrs. Catharine Wadsworth be exempted from paying the school tax assessed upon her. The communication was received, and favorable action had on the application by motion.

Mr. Case called the attention of the Board to the 38th section of the school law, and thought it would be only proper to request the Boards of the South Side to name their subdistricts. A motion being made to that effect, it was carried.

The Secretary read a petition from the Pittsburgh, Shiloh Baptist Church (colored), to workship in the Miller street school house when vacated by the Grace Memorial Congregation (colored). The application was referred to the Miller Street School Committee.

The President stated that it would be proper for the members to prepare to draw for terms. Several members being absent, other members were authorized to draw for them.

The drawing was conducted with the following result:

Wm. C. Aghinbaugh, one year; W. H. Barker, one year; Thomas P. Graham, one year; Samuel Harper, three years; Robert S. Hemlup, three years; Geo. W. Jope, two years; Joseph Kimmell, three years; Wm. McClurg, two years; O. J. Schultz, three years; John W. Turney, three years; John L. Vaughan, two years.

At the conclusion of the drawing the Board adjourned.

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PITTSBURGH LETTER LIST.

OFFICIAL.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Pittsburgh Postoffice, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1873.

To obtain any of these letters, the applicant must call for advertised letters, giving the date of the list.

If not called for within four weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

LADIES LIST.

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Arnold Miss A T
Baker Mrs Jos
Beaty Miss A
Bailey Miss Anna
Bailey Catharine
Bassett Lizzy
Berry Miss Annie
Bellenbymer M
Bingham Mrs R
Boyd Miss A (for)
Brownmiller Mrs
Burns Mrs
Burns Miss Kate
Burns Miss S
Cahill Miss Birdie
Carter Laughlin
Carther Mrs B
Carton Mrs H
Carter Miss Carrie
Carey Mrs Sarah
Chapman Miss C
Chapman Miss C
Coale Miss Clancy
Cole Mrs
Conway Miss M
Connelly Mrs E
Connelly Miss B
Cordier Miss E
Cowan Mrs
Crowl Mrs (for)
Cooper Mrs K C
Cummings Miss
Cummings Miss L
Darley Miss A
Davis Miss Hattie
Davis Miss Hollie
Davis